



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 10:21-24

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said,
“I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.
No one knows who the Son is except the Father,
and who the Father is except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”
Turning to the disciples in private he said,
“Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.
For I say to you,
many prophets and kings desired to see what you see,
but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”

Our Scripture Reflection

This scripture begins as Jesus is hearing about the tremendous successes which the Seventy disciples whom He had sent out have experienced. He sees their joy at power over evil spirits and understands their victory in the spiritual realm as part of the Fall of Satan, the beginning of

the end of Satan's dominion. He understands the disciples' miracles of healing as the finger of God at work (Luke 11:20). Jesus is excited and exults in the moment. Most important, however, He exults with the disciples that their names are written in Heaven!

Jesus then praises His Father for having skipped over the "learned and clever" (the religious know it alls) and instead, for revealing Himself to the humble of heart.

Then He shifts His attention to His apostles where in private He prays a beatitude over them pointing out what their eyes are seeing. Many great people of old were not fortunate enough to see what Jesus is revealing to His disciples right there in the here and now!

And so I ask you, my dear Reader....Are you grateful for what YOUR eyes see?

We take so much for granted! How privileged we are! When you read the pages of the Old Testament you see holy men and women who sought God and knew God -- Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Deborah, Samuel, Isaiah, Ezra, and John the Baptist -- and yet they didn't know Him as we can know Him. They didn't see what we see, even though they longed to. What an amazing privilege we have in knowing Jesus Christ! Are you truly GRATEFUL????

Food for your Journey

A small church in rural Kentucky [prided itself on being a training ground for seminary students ministering in their first pastorate]. While interviewing pastoral candidates, a member of the search committee mentioned the former pastors who had gone on to serve in prominent capacities -- one as president of a seminary and pastor of a large city church, another also as a seminary president and a third as president of two denominational conventions and an international alliance.

"How in the world did you find that many potentially great men in this little church?" the astonished candidate asked.

"Find them," said the committee member. "We didn't find them. We made them."

--Patricia Bolen,

Moody,

September 1994,

quoted in Current Thoughts & Trends,

10 (October 1994): 23.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Please take away all arrogance and false pride that pollute my heart at times and which prevent me from being humble and open to You and Your Way. Keep me humble, grateful and holy, Lord. Amen