

Daily Reflections

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The Divine Intervention

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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

After praising His Father for having given wisdom to the humble and "childlike", Jesus then addresses His disciples with a beatitude. Their eyes have been blessed to see what kings and holy men longed to see but did not see it. And what is it that they missed? The revelation of the Messiah. In a world filled with business, darkness and confusion, may we pray for humility so that our eyes and ears may be opened to see and hear this Advent season.

Food for your Journey

During the early 1990s, the folk singer Bob Dylan went through a phase in which he strongly identified with Christianity. In a 1991 interview with *Rolling Stone* magazine, Dylan was asked if he was happy. Dylan's response:

"Happiness is not on my list of priorities. I just deal with day-to-day things. If I'm happy, I'm happy -- and if I'm not, I don't know the difference. -- You know these are yuppie words, happiness and unhappiness. It's not happiness or unhappiness, it's either blessed or unblessed. As the Bible says, 'Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly.' Now, that must be a happy man. Knowing that you are the person you were put on this earth to be -- that's much more important than just being happy."

--Interview by Mikal Gilmore, "Bob Dylan at 50," *Rolling Stone*.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Lord, I pray during this Advent day that You make me humble and open so that I may see Your Presence and rejoice in it. Amen.