

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 encountering numerous people along the road who were weighed down with the burdens of life and on the verge of despair, Jesus calls attention to what they are seeing right before their very eyes: The hopes, dreams and longings of even great kings is to be found in Jesus. Blessed will they truly be if they acknowledge this. This Advent day offers us the opportunity to move beyond the business of our lives to recognize the precious gift we have in Jesus Our Lord.

Food for your Journey

Bishop Robert H. Spain tells how "Casey Stengel, the former baseball manager, said, 'There are two kinds of baseball managers: managers who have been fired, and managers that will be fired.'" Bishop Spain then goes on to show how there are two kinds of Christians: "those who have lost their passion for the Lord, and those who will. We all suffer some periods of spiritual dryness."

--Robert H. Spain, *Getting Ready to Preach* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1995), 28.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, May I never lose sight of the wonderful truth that You are the fulfillment of the deepest longings of my heart. May I always cherish Your Presence as the priceless gift that it is. Amen.