



“I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes.” (Luke 10:21)

Hidden from the Wise and Revealed to Babes

Introduction

- “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather **rejoice** because your names are written in heaven.” (Lk. 10:20)
- “In that hour Jesus **rejoiced in the Spirit** and said, ‘I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes.’” (Lk. 10:21)
- “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am...” (Jn. 17:24)
- Who are the wise? Who are the babes or infants?

The Wise and Prudent

- Those who speak falsely of God
 - Those who speak falsely concerning His word
 - “Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about **four hundred men**, and said to them, “Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I refrain?” So they said, “**Go up, for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king.**” And Jehoshaphat said, “ Is there not still a prophet of the Lord here, that we may inquire of Him?” So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord; **but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.**” (1 Kg 22:6-8)



The Wise and Prudent

- **Those who speak falsely of God**
 - Those who speak falsely about His character
 - Those who claim that God is not loving
 - Pharisees
- “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.” (Matt. 12:28)



The Wise and Prudent

- Those who are puffed up by their own doctrine
 - Pharisees
 - The famous artist and his encounter with a Ghost --(C.S. Lewis)
 - *“Light itself was your first love: you love paint only as a means of telling about light.”*
 - *“...becoming interested in their own personalities and then in nothing but their own reputation.”*



Babes or Infants

- Those who put their trust in Him
 - “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for **I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.**” (2 Tim. 1:12)
 - “But I have prayed for you, **that your faith should not fail**; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.” (Lk. 22:32)
 - “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.” (Mk. 9:24)



Babes and Infants

- Those whose internal intent match their external expressions
 - Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matt. 25)



Babes and Infants

- Are great receivers of gifts



Summary

- Who are the wise and prudent?
 - Those who speak falsely of God
 - Those who are puffed up by their own doctrine
 - Those who mistake the created for the Creator
- Who are the babes/infants?
 - Those who put their trust in Him
 - Those whose internal intent match their external expressions
 - Are great receivers of gifts