

The Blessings Of Eyes That See

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Luke 10: 21-24

Intro. A There is such a state as spiritual blindness.

Isa. 6: 7-10 1. Isaiah wrote of spiritual diseases.

2. This was spoken to Isaiah immediately after he had offered himself for service and God had commissioned him. Isa. 6: 9 - "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" "Behold me" "Send me".

3. His hearers would have fat hearts, their eyes are shut, and their ears are closed.

4. Jesus also invoked the saying of Isaiah and therefore He spoke in parables to keep them from hearing and understanding. Matt. 13: 11, 13-17

B Jesus rejoiced that His disciples had been enabled to see, hear, and comprehend, "these things".

Vs. 21 1. "These things", were hidden from the wise and prudent. 2. He has revealed them to "babes". Vs. 21

Vs. 24 3. Others, of noble character and secular power had desired to see, "these things" and had not.

C What were "these things" that they had seen?

1. They had seen the miraculous. This was not a new thing for God's people. O. T. records many.

2. They had ^{seen} Satan subjected to them.

3. This subjection gave them power.

4. It was, "through thy name".

5. Now they knew how the Kingdom was possible.

Satan's 6. His being bound begins the Kingdom.

7. Rev. 20: 1-3

Vs. 17 8. Jesus had seen Satan's fall. It may have been in the past, it may have ^{been} as they did miracles, it may have been in the future, prophetic.

6. "... even so, Father; for it seemed good in thy sight." ②
- "good" = εὐερέο = "it became" + εὐδοκία = the greater good, good pleasure, gracious purpose.
- "Indeed, I thank thee, Father, for having chosen this way" - Riev.
- "yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will - RSV

II. "These Things" Were Revealed By God.

A. God revealed them to Jesus.

- Vs. 22a 1. "All things are delivered to me of my Father:
- Vs. 22b 2. They, Jesus and God, have knowledge of one another that no one else possesses.

B. Jesus revealed "these things" to the disciples.

- Vs. 22c 1. "... and he to whom the Son will reveal them".
2. "... to whom it is the Son's good pleasure to reveal him". - Knox
3. "Reveal" = (same as Vs. 21)

C. The blessing pronounced.

- Vs. 23 1. "Blessed" = μακάριος = "happy" Joyously ^{con-} "fident"
2. How wonderful to see what you are seeing.
3. Satan's subjection and defeat.
4. This was for disciples only!

D. They were in a place unique to all of their predecessors.

- Vs. 24 1. "desired" = θελω = to wish or will, implying the active volition and purpose and expressive of the natural impulse or desire.
2. These before them in faith had a natural desire to see and hear all that they had seen and heard. ~