

The Prayer Life of Jesus: The Least of These



Scripture

- **Matthew 11:25-26**

“I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.

Other Scriptures

- James 4:6
- Matthew 11:25
- Matthew 16:13-17
- Matthew 20:1-16
- Romans 9:16
- Romans 11:7
- Romans 9:13,14, 20
- I Cor. 1:27

Main Points

- The Word often confronts our way of thinking about things.
- Jesus thanked the Father for hiding the mysteries of the Kingdom.
- God hides himself from some people and reveals Himself to others.
- Revelation is a gift from God and cannot be obtained through conventional wisdom.
- The Father’s standard of what is right and fair is different than ours.
- It is important for us to get into alignment with God’s mind and heart.
- Those that come to Jesus are the ones that have received revelation from the Father.
- The Father reveals truth and draws people to Himself.
- Principle #1:
 - God hides himself from some people and reveals Himself to others.
 - God reveals Himself to the lowly of the Earth.
- What gives you value is knowing that you are precious and chosen by God.

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Discussion Questions

1. Does the teaching by the Rabbi challenge beliefs that you have held or hold now? Take a minute to surrender your thinking to God for His shaping and teaching. If God has revealed Himself to you, what kinds of attitudes does this evoke in you—He chose you. Take a minute to write about these things.

2. Why does this teaching seem difficult for us to accept? What aspects of the teaching make perfect sense? The parable of the vineyard owner demonstrates what about the way the Father regards fairness? Do you notice that the Father leans toward the generous side, giving the workers who had worked only an hour the same as those who worked a full day? Does this help you understand that God will be generous with you in regards to your rewards?

3. The Rabbi challenged us to seek out the Word of God and study for ourselves what God says. What are some things you can add to the teaching here?