

LUKE 10:21 -- Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit! - Revealed Them to Babes!

4/23/16 Sat Morn Prayer

Luke 10:17 Then the seventy **returned with joy**, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

Luke 10:20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, **but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**"

Luke 10:21 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.** Even so, Father, for so **it seemed good in Your sight.**

Mat 11:25-26 (Similar prayer, but most likely a different event) At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. [26] Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

Context/Biblical Background – Jesus had just received the report, these men are excited. They're filled with joy, they've experienced His power. And they're coming back with these stories of victories in the name of Jesus that they had witnessed. And Jesus looks at them and they are just simple people. There wasn't a Ph.D. among them. They, coming just as they were, just simple people, plain, ordinary people who have experienced the power and the dynamics of the power of God in their lives. And that just thrills you. He just was rejoicing in His Spirit as they told of what was done.

Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus **rejoiced (exult with unspeakable joy, to be exceedingly joyful!) in the Spirit**

- **"rejoiced"** Rejoice is too weak a word. It is "exulted in spirit" - evidently giving visible expression to His unusual emotions; while, at the same time, the words "in spirit" are meant to convey to the reader the **depth** of them. **cf. 1Pe 1:8** whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you **rejoice** with joy inexpressible and full of glory,
- **In that hour Jesus rejoiced in Spirit**,.... In His human soul: His heart was filled with joy, not so much at the success of the seventy disciples, and the subjection of the devils to them, as in the view He had of the spread of the Gospel, and of the revelation and application of the truths of it to multitudes of mean and despicable persons, while it was rejected by the wise and learned; and particularly at the sovereign and distinguishing grace of God towards the elect, whose names are written in heaven; upon the mention of which His soul was so affected, that He broke out in, an exulting strain, into thanksgivings to God, in the following manner, **This holy joy of Jesus was directly due to the Holy Spirit. It is joy in the work of His followers, their victories over Satan, and is akin to the joy felt by Jesus in Joh 4:32-38 when the vision of the harvest of the world stirred His heart. Cf. Luke 1:47 – "my spirit has rejoiced"**
- This is **one of those rare cases** in which the veil is lifted from off the Redeemer's inner man, that, angel-like, we may "look into it" for a moment (**1Pe 1:12**). Let us gaze on it with reverential wonder, and as we perceive what it was that produced that mysterious ecstasy, we shall find rising in our hearts a still rapture - "Oh, the depths!" **cf. Heb 12:2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, **who for the joy** that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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- **Gen 14:22** But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the **LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,**
- **Gen 24:3** and I will make you swear by the **LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth,** that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell;
- **Mat 11:25** At that time Jesus answered and said, "**I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,** that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.
- **Act 17:24** God, who made the world and everything in it, since **He is Lord of heaven and earth,** does not dwell in temples made with hands.
- **O Father, I thank You!** I thank You for Your goodness. **You hid these things from the wise and prudent, but You've revealed them unto babes.** Isn't it interesting that today we feel the qualifications

for the ministry is to go to seminary for a million years and become wise and prudent? And the greatest qualification for the ministry is a Ph.D. and several Masters degrees and so forth, and you've become very wise and very prudent. Now we feel oh yes, you're really qualified for the ministry. You may be qualified for a ministry but you're sort of disqualified from the power of the Spirit in many cases. Here were people who were just simple. And Jesus is rejoicing that God hid it from the wise and the prudent and revealed it unto the babes. He loved that. I thank You Father, You did that because it seemed good to You. What does that mean? **It means that everyone of you are qualified for the ministry to serve the Lord, to experience the power and the dynamic of the Spirit in your life and to go in the name of Jesus and heal the sick and bring life and a message of life to the people around you.** You don't have to be schooled in religion. You don't have to go to a seminary. **You can just go in the name of Jesus to the lost.** And in the power of the Spirit you can bring a witness to them. **You can rejoice also in the power of God that you can experience in your life as you minister to others.** (Chuck Smith)

- **Luke 10:21** - The Savior was "a Man of sorrows," but every thoughtful mind has discovered the fact that down deep in His innermost soul, He carried an **inexhaustible treasury of refined and heavenly joy**. Of all the human race, there was never a man who had a **deeper, purer, or more abiding peace than our Lord Jesus Christ**. "*He was anointed with the oil of gladness above His fellows.*" His **vast benevolence** must, from the very nature of things, have afforded Him the **deepest possible delight, for benevolence is joy**. There were a few remarkable seasons when this joy manifested itself. "*In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,"*" Christ had His songs, though it was night with Him; though His face was marred, and His countenance had lost the luster of earthly happiness, yet **sometimes it was lit up with a matchless splendor of unparalleled satisfaction**, as **He thought upon the recompense of the reward**, and in the midst of the congregation sang His praise unto God. **In this, the Lord Jesus is a blessed picture of His church on earth**. At this hour the church expects to walk in sympathy with her Lord along a thorny road; through much tribulation she is forcing her way to the crown. **To bear the cross is her office, and to be scorned and counted an alien by her mother's children is her lot; and yet the church has a deep well of joy**, of which none can drink but her own children. There are **stores of wine, and oil, and corn**, hidden in the midst of our Jerusalem, upon **which the saints of God are evermore sustained and nurtured**; and sometimes, as in our Savior's case, **we have our seasons of intense delight**, for "*There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of our God.*" **Exiles though we be, we rejoice in our King; yea, in Him we exceedingly rejoice**, while in His name we set up our banners. (*Spurgeon Morning & Evening – March 24*)

SUMMARY:

- We see here, the only time that it is written, that our Lord Jesus rejoiced!
- He was a "Man of sorrows", but He did have His seasons of intense delight! Other examples, *John 4:32-38* – speaking of the whitened harvest; *Hebrews 12:2* – "*for the joy that was set before Him*"
- Note here also is a blessed picture of us, His church here on earth! Walking in sympathy with our Lord along a thorny road, yet the church has a deep well of joy!
- You can just go in the name of Jesus to the lost. And **in the power of the Spirit you can bring a witness to them**. This apparently **brings great joy to our Lord!**
- You can rejoice also in the power of God that you can experience in your life as you minister to others.
- Thank You Lord, for giving us seasons of intense delight! That we too, can rejoice in the Spirit!

Just As I Am...I Come, I come – Charlotte Elliott

*Just as I am—without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee—O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am—and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot—O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

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And that Thou bidst me come to Thee—O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

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