

The Gospel of Luke

The Exultation of Jesus Christ

Luke 10:21-24

1. **His Exultation in the Spirit** (v.21)

Jesus' rejoicing was in concert with all that God has said and is doing (cf. Eph 5:18ff; Col 3:16ff).

2. **His Exultation in the Father's Plan** (v.21)

A. Praising the Power of the Father

Jesus' exultation begins with His praise of the Father's almighty power (Acts 17:24; cf. Gen 14:19). His character and nature, revealed in His works, are reasons for continual joy and praise (Matt 6:9-10).

B. Praising the Plan of the Father

In God's providence, understanding the importance of Jesus' role in the plan of God is not dependent upon man's abilities (1 Cor 1:18ff). He has hidden the truth from those who are proud and also have no desire to know it while revealing it to those who are humble and contrite (cf. Ex 3:19; 4:21; Ja 4:6).

C. Praising the Pleasure of the Father

God's own pleasure is a motivating factor for all that He does (Matt 3:17; Eph 1:5; Col 1:19-20; cf. Ps 136:1). It is God's pleasure to share Himself with those who are least qualified to enjoy Him (John 14:1-3; cf. Matt 25:23b).

3. **His Exultation of the Son's Authority** (v.22)

A. The Authority of the Son

The task of revealing the gospel (Heb 1:1-2), of blessing those who believe (Matt 11:28-30), and of judging those who do not (Matt 25:31ff; John 5:22) has been given to the Son (cf. Matt 28:18; John 3:35; 1 Cor 15:28).

B. The Knowledge of the Father by the Son

All men know about God and are therefore accountable to Him (Rom 1:18-23), but actually knowing God and being known by Him (cf. Matt 7:23) is only possible because of His gracious self-disclosure (Gen 12:1; Ex 3:1ff).

4. **The Privilege of the Disciples** (vs.23-24)

The disciples heard, saw, and understood what had been veiled in mystery since the fall (Eph 3:8-10; Col 1:25-27).

5. **The Call of the Gospel** (Matt 11:29)

The mechanics of God's sovereignty in salvation is hard to understand, but the universal evangelistic proclamation of the gospel is not (Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).