

## A prayer of thanksgiving

Text:- Matthew 11: 25, 26.

Introduction:- In this prayer Jesus presents no petition. He makes no request. He just pours out his heart before the Father. He has done this on various occasions. At the grave of Lazarus. He had only won the prayer in the secret place. "Father I thank thee that thou hearest me always. I know that thou hearest me always. The apostle Paul wrote, "In everything give thanks". Lets us examine the record and discover the things for which Jesus is thankful.

I. Thankful for what God is doing in His Oen Day.

1. Thankful for God, that he is a God of Today. God was not God of yesterday. He was not a God of some future and hazy tomerrow. He was a God of today. He was a present and living God. "My Father worketh even until now".
2. He believes that God is doing his best for the world of that day. God is doing what seems good in his sight. This does not mean that God's efforts are meeting with universal success. The doom he has pronounced upon certain cities that rejected him. "I thank thee that thou hast hidden these things"- What things.

Not to those of stopped ears, blinded eyes, those who are missing the things God is doing. True today. Some people here who do not see God at work in this present world. Those who do.

To find God is to find rest. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest".

Sensitiveness to sin. Bunyan's pilgrim had a burden on his back, he cries out, "Woe is me" The cross. Others have cried out "At the cross

Jesus gives us rest from our anxieties and fear Haunted house. "God is our refuge and strength a very present help in time of trouble".



II. Those from whom this spiritual wealth is hidden.

1. "The wise and prudent". That is the intelligent and understanding. Keen and cultured.

What is the reason. CONCEIT. Jesus tale of the two men who went into the temple to pray.

III. Who are the fortunate souls:

The babes in Christ. Only the childlike can become Christians.

Now why do the childlike get to become Christians and the wise and prudent fail. I think it is because of the nature of HUMILITY. "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is GREATEST in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus said of himself, "Learn of me because I am meek and lowly in heart". This is saying that he is humble. "I am the bread of life". "I am the light of the world". "I am the resurrection and the life".

Wise and prudent are full of pride of intellect  
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They would ask rather the question, "Is this the Carpenter?" The child never asks the question. The child who had lost her father. "I have lost my daddy".

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