

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
June 27th, 2021
Matthew 11:27

RECAP: Last week we looked at Christ's joyous prayer that confirms His Father's delight in saving the opposite of whom the world expects.

THESIS: It is the power of Christ alone that reveals God to man.

EXEGESIS: Matthew 11:27 (see also Luke 10:22)

- This is a big verse that can be broken down into multiple statements;
 - *Statement of authority:* Jesus being given total authority from the Father progressively.
 - *Statement of internal knowledge:* Trinitarian knowledge between Father/Son.
 - *Statement of external knowledge:* Public revelation through Christ alone.
- **Statement of Authority:** God has been in the business since Genesis 3 of *building His Kingdom*. Jesus is progressively given a position that He was not before His incarnation. **Phil 2:8, 1st Cor. 15:24-28.**
 - It should be a comfort to us to know truly the only "good" King is in total authority.
- **Statement of Internal Knowledge:** Greek word here is "*epi-knosis*." This in English is likely best illustrated by the differences between our words, "know," and "understand."
 - You expect someone to "understand," when they have truly, deeply, experientially grasped a concept that otherwise was just head knowledge to them.
 - The Lukan version renders this not so much a matter of knowing Him *at all*, but rather, *do you understand who He is?*
- **Statement of External Knowledge:** He has just made it clear to these people listening *He and He alone understands God*. This is a massive statement of His authority and divinity.
- But the first half is despair, and the second half is hope. *You cannot know the Father*. Unholy people don't get to have relationships with Holy God.
- **Doctrine:** The basic Gospel tells us that you cannot have access to the Father, unless the Son chooses to allow it. Without Jesus Christ being willing, there is no access to God. **John 6:35-40.**
- The Greek word here is "**boulamai**," or a verb that basically is translated, "to be willing, disposed, resolved towards someone or something."
 - Both the Son and the Father are co-agents in election. They choose and decide everyone who has information and learns and gets knowledge of the Themselves.

CONCLUSION:

- **Be should be humbled to realize the relationship of Father and Son far above us.**
- **Thank God the Son reveals the Father to whom He chooses!**
- **Be comforted knowing He is absolute King.**