

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
June 20th, 2021
Matthew 11:25-26

RECAP: Last week, we looked at the end of these condemning statements from Christ, where He makes it clear that nothing is more condemned than a lack of repentance.

THESIS: The grace of God is demonstrated in carrying the weak through Himself.

EXEGESIS: Matthew 11:25-26 (see also Luke 10:21)

- **“I praise You.”** This Greek verb is a public, open declaration of praise and satisfaction. *Vincent:* “I confess. I recognize the justice and wisdom of thy doings. But with the dative, as here, it means to praise, with an undercurrent of acknowledgment.”
- **“Hidden.”** This Greek word is “to conceal, make secret. **John 8:58-59; 1st Tim. 5:24.**
- **“wise,”** and **“understanding.”** The Greek word “sophos,” i.e. the “Sophists.” of Plato’s *Republic*. Not speaking of those wise by biblical standards, but the self-proclaimed, self-righteous wise people.
- *Edwards, “A Divine and Supernatural Light,”* It takes the supernatural light of God to light up the heart of man so He can, as Edwards puts it, “bring us to the sweetness and excellence of Christ.”
- **“revealed.”** This word is pretty simple, to “take off the cover.” To reveal and make something clear. What’s implied in this word is that it was something previously hidden.
- **“babes.”** A Greek word meaning infants, the tiniest humans. This isn’t just children. This is definitely the word for the smallest and most helpless of human creatures.
- God chooses to glorify Himself by using what the world consider weak, foolish, and despised, to make clear His strength, glory, and Kingdom. **1st Cor. 1:20-31.** Paul discovers this in **2nd Cor. 12:7-9.**
- **Objection:** Does this mean God will not save the rich, powerful, great, strong by worldly standards? *No*, this context is clearly meant to condemn the arrogant, self-proclaimed “wise” people generally.
- **“This brought delight before you.”** This brought genuine joy and delight to God for our salvation! Praise God for being infinitely wiser than the world in choosing our weakness to show His glory!

CONCLUSION:

- **Be amazed at the grace and plan of God in showing His glory in the weakest vessels**
- **Be thankful we have grace, as God intends, not as world would have it, to the strongest.**
- **Realize all of this is so no flesh can boast.**