

Lesson 14: Further Activities in Jerusalem and Judea

The Mission and Return of the Seventy (Luke 10:1-24)

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cf. Mt. 11:25-30

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- *agalliao* –"to rejoice, to glory to exult, rejoice exceedingly" (Thayer)
- John 8:56, *"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad."*
- 1 Peter 1:6, *"Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:"*
- 1 Peter 1:8, *"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:"*

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- *It is earthly wisdom which often rejects knowledge from God* (see 1 Corinthians 1:18-31).
- *God's word is revealed* – (1 Corinthians 1:10ff; Ephesians 3:1-13).
- *God's "good pleasure" is the basis for all essential elements of His eternal plan for human redemption* (see Romans 9:14-16; Ephesians 1:5, 9; Philippians 2:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:11; 2 Peter 1:17).

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Wise, sophos

- "Clever," "skillful in the interpretation of discourse," "learned of human intelligence and education above the average." "The one who is wise according to worldly standards ... stands in contrast to God and His wisdom, which remains hidden for him" (Arndt and Gingrich, Page 767).
- "Of the 20 NT occurrences, 10 are in the specifically focused context of 1 Cor 1-3 (1:19,20,25,26,27; 3:10,18 bis, 19,20), which also indirectly influences the 4 other Pauline occurrences (1 Cor 6:5; Rom 1:14,22; 16:19)." (Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament)

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Understanding / Prudent *suneto*

- "Intelligent, having understanding, wise, learned: Matt 11:25; Luke 10:21; Acts 13:7; 1 Cor 1:19 (from Isa 29:14)." (Thayer)
- "Intelligent," "understanding," "sagacious," having "good sense" (Arndt and Gingrich, Page 796).
- **Who might these be? Application ...**

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Babes: *neepios*, (Thayer)

- a. *an infant, little child*: Matthew 21:16
- b. *a minor, not of age*: Galatians 4:1
- c. *metaphorically, childish, untaught, unskilled* – Matthew 11:25

- They are babes in spirit, without reference to chronological age (cf. Matthew 18:1-6; Luke 18:15-17; Mark 12:35ff).
- **Application:** What a contrast between what the wise and intelligent refuse to see and what babes almost immediately accept when confronted with the word of God.