



MAKE APPLICATION: HOW HAVE I OBEYED WHAT I LEARNED?

REVIEW THE TEXT: WHERE DID WE LEARN?

Matthew 11:25-27; Ephesians 1:3ff

REVIEW THE SERMON: WHAT DID WE LEARN?

Context

Jesus answers early opposition with clear statements demonstrating that He is the Messiah. Having dealt with the indifferent ones, Christ turns His attention to the chosen ones. Jesus prays a rich theological prayer of thanks, elevating God’s sovereign grace in revelation.

Main Points

The sovereign choice of God is the invisible, deciding factor in the revelation of Jesus Christ to sinners.

- 1. The indifferent ones will receive condemnation
- 2. **The chosen ones will receive revelation**
 - a. **Jesus confesses that God is master of everything**
 - b. **Jesus gives thanks for God’s sovereign selection**
 - c. **Jesus announces His own Lordship, deity, and sovereignty**
- 3. The desperate ones will receive rest

Interpretative Points

- **At that time**
This paragraph is directly connected to the condemnation Jesus just announced. In light of the condemnation, Jesus is thankful for sovereign grace.
- **Crucial theological concepts**
Jesus prayed; God’s sovereign person; God chooses to hide and give revelation; God’s gracious will; God’s fairness

- ✚ Humility: God has chosen not to reveal Jesus Christ to those who are wise in their own understanding. What effect should this have on our thoughts about our own salvation? About evangelism?
- ✚ Worship: How is your view of God connected to your worship of Him? What about the tension between God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility is hard for you to fully embrace? What are appropriate and inappropriate responses to this inescapable theological tension?
- ✚ Evangelism: Does God’s sovereignty make you feel more or less excited to share the Gospel? Should we explain election in our Gospel witness?
