

V20-24 AFTER JESUS DENOUNCES THE CITIES OF CHORAZIN BETHSAIDA AND CAPERNAUM FOR THEIR LACK OF REPENTANCE
AFTER HE HAD PERFORMED MANY MIRACLES IN THEIR MIDST POINTING TO HIMSELF AS THEIR MESSIAH

V25 THEN AT THAT TIME JESUS PRAISES HIS FATHER SAYING I PRAISE YOU FATHER LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH THAT YOU
HAVE HIDDEN THESE THINGS FROM THE WISE AND INTELLIGENT AND HAVE REVEALED THEM TO INFANTS

SALVATION IS NOT THE RESULT OF MAN'S WISDOM PLANS PURPOSES OR POWER AND FOR THAT TRUTH JESUS GIVES
PRAISE TO THE FATHER

ONLY THOSE WHO COME TO HIM IN HUMILITY AND DEPENDENCE (INFANTS) ON HIM NOT TRUSTING IN THEIR OWN MERIT
OR RESOURCES THE KINGDOM BELONGS TO THE HUMBLE MATT 5:3

WHEN JESUS MENTIONS THE WISE AND INTELLIGENT HE IS TALKING ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE TRUSTING IN THEMSELVES
WHAT HINDERS THEM IS THEIR PRIDE THEY BELIEVE THEY CAN SAVE THEMSELVES THEY WILL NOT SUBMIT TO GOD'S
WISDOM AND TRUTH AND THEREFORE EXCLUDE THEMSELVES FROM THE KINGDOM

THE RELIGIOUS MAN WHO RELIES ON TRADITION OR GOOD WORKS TO PLEASE GOD IS JUST AS FAR FROM GOD AS THE
ATHEIST THE MEANS GOD USES TO HIDE THESE THINGS FROM SUCH PEOPLE IS THE DARKNESS OF THEIR PROUD
UNREGENERATE HEARTS

1COR 2:9-10 PAUL SAID JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD AND WHICH
HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM FOR TO US GOD HAS
REVEALED THEM THROUGH THE SPIRIT FOR THE SPIRIT SEARCHES ALL THINGS EVEN THE DEPTHS OF GOD

GOD'S SPIRITUAL TRUTH CANNOT BE EXTERNALLY DISCOVERED BUT MUST BE WILLINGLY RECEIVED THROUGH MAN'S
HEART AS GOD REVEALS IT NO AMOUNT OF HUMAN REASONING OR SPECULATION CAN DISCOVER OR EXPLAIN GOD'S
SAVING TRUTH

BECAUSE AS PAUL SAYS 1COR 2:14 A NATURAL MAN DOES NOT ACCEPT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD FOR THEY ARE
FOOLISHNESS TO HIM AND HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY APPRAISED

THE CONTRAST BETWEEN WISE AND INTELLIGENT AND BABES IS NOT BETWEEN THE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND THE IGNORANT
THE EDUCATED AND UNEDUCATED THE BRILLIANT AND THE SIMPLEMINDED IT IS A CONTRAST BETWEEN THOSE WHO
THINK THEY CAN SAVE THEMSELVES BY THEIR OWN HUMAN WISDOM RESOURCES AND ACHIEVEMENTS AND THOSE WHO
KNOW THEY CANNOT SAVE THEMSELVES THEY ARE RELYING ON GOD

V26 YES FATHER FOR THIS WAY WAS WELL PLEASING IN YOUR SIGHT GOD IS WELL PLEASSED WITH THE GOSPEL OF GRACE
BECAUSE IT BRINGS GLORY TO HIM WHICH IS THE SUPREME PURPOSE IN THE UNIVERSE

ISA 57:15 FOR THUS SAYS THE HIGH AND EXALTED ONE WHO LIVES FOREVER WHOSE NAME IS HOLY I DWELL ON A HIGH
AND HOLY PLACE AND ALSO WITH THE CONTRITE AND LOWLY OF SPIRIT IN ORDER TO REVIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE LOWLY
AND TO REVIVE THE HEART OF THE CONTRITE

GOD LOVES TO HELP THE HUMBLE AND THE REPENTANT BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY ARE HELPLESS HE IS PLEASSED WHEN
THEY COME TO HIM BECAUSE THAT HONORS HIS GRACE AND GIVES HIM GLORY

LUKE 18:9-14 THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN AND HE TOLD THIS PARABLE TO SOME PEOPLE WHO TRUSTED IN
THEMSELVES THAT THEY WERE RIGHTEOUS AND VIEWED OTHERS WITH CONTEMPT

GOD GRANTS GRACE TO THE HUMBLE