Matt 114

Truth is revealed to the humble

Mat 11:22 “Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in *the* day of judgment than for you.

[Mat 11:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/23/s_940023) “And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.

[Mat 11:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/24/s_940024) “Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in *the* day of judgment, than for you.”

We covered this last lesson but one point I want to emphasize is that TLJC wasn’t condemning whole towns and villages He was promising those who heard His message and saw His miracles but still did not believe that it would be a fierce judgement and final placement in the lake of fire that they would be facing in the near future.

TLJC spoke more about hell then He did about heaven so it is a subject we should take very seriously.

/[Mat 11:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/25/s_940025) At that time Jesus said, “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**.\

[Mat 11:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/26/s_940026) “Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.

[Mat 11:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/27/s_940027) “All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him.*

Jesus actually goes into a prayer, He responds now to His own message with prayer — “I thank praise You O Father.” Notice that even Jesus Himself prays to the Father and the principle is: all prayer is addressed to the Father’ “Lord [deity] of heaven and earth,

/*Because You have hid these things from the wise and intelligent* - In other words, those saturated in religion and secular knowledge, who never understand grace or the true essence of God; *“and have revealed them to the infants.”* Those with lesser rank, respect and education.\

The Amplified Bible says- *you have taught them to the unskilled and untaught*…meaning those lacking higher education.

What is the difference between wise, intelligent, and infants?

In this case we can note the 3 forms of formulating understanding or conclusions…we all use these 3;

/These are three systems of perception. Wise refers to **rationalism**; Intelligent is **empiricism**; Infants refers to **faith**. Rationalism and empiricism mean human understanding or IQ is involved!\

Humans roll ideas and thoughts and opinions around in their minds as they formulate opinions or conclusions…rationalism.

Empiricism is the means that scientist experiment …they reach in and touch or test something and come to a conclusion.

They live it or see it up close and personal.

These two are not the basis for understanding or responding to the gospel.

/Spiritual phenomena is revealed to those who have the perceptive system of faith. And Jesus is thanking the Father that this is the way, otherwise we would never learn anything.\

You are getting the sense in these last four our five scriptures and really from the bulk of this speech that TLJC is leading His followers away from trusting in their eyes…trusting in the leaders and highly intelligent ones who have been exalted over others for so many years.

REPEAT

Leading us back to what Paul taught at Corinth;

/1Cor 1:27 but **God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise**, and God has chosen **the weak** things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and **the base things** of the world and **the despised** God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,\

The lesson in all this is that you can never put God in a box…you can never wrap a religious system or man-made standard around who and what God is and how His plan plays out so that it is easy to explain and it becomes a one size fits all standard to ease our finite minds. REPEAT!!!!

Why does God choose certain men and women and they might not all fit into an ideal standard for leadership or someone who is a hero…or a spiritual warrior.

We may never fully understand it!

/Jas 2:5 Listen, my beloved brethren: **did not God choose the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith** and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?\

Turn to Job chapter 34 with me so we can note something about how God does things compared to mankind doing things.

We may not fully understand everything God does and those whom He uses throughout history to promote His plan.

/Isa 55:8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD.\

I look at Abraham who was called when he was 75 years old and David who was called when he was barely out of his teens.

Gideon….a farm boy surrounded by false idols…Joshua a young assistant and Moses highly educated but with a speech impediment and nearly at middle age when he was finally called into duty.

Peter a common fisher man….Paul an educated Pharisee. Look at the OT prophets and how they differ in personalities and education.

Being educated and wealthy doesn’t exclude you from the ministry or God using you….same thing as an uneducated poor person. ELABORATE

Let’s look at something in the book of Job.

Job’s had 3 friends and his wife who all added to his misery and divine testing that he had to endure.

They all would point the finger at Job as if he deserved the wrath of God or somehow they understood why he was going thru what he was going thru…yet not one of them had a clue!

Amazing how people have all the answers and they can easily pass judgement on situations and people and yet they do not have a clue what is really going on….most of the time they don’t have answers for their own life much less somebody else’s life.

Job 34:10 Therefore, listen to me, you men of understanding. Far be it from God to do wickedness, and from the Almighty to do wrong.

[Job 34:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/11/s_470011)“For He pays a man according to his work, and makes him find it according to his way.

[Job 34:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/12/s_470012) “Surely, God will not act wickedly, and the Almighty will not pervert justice.

[Job 34:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/13/s_470013)“Who gave Him authority over the earth? and who has laid *on Him* the whole world?

/[Job 34:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/14/s_470014)“**If He should determine** to do so, if He should gather to Himself His spirit and His breath, 15 **All flesh would perish together**, and man would return to dust.\

Job knows the power and plan of God are beyond human understanding.

Job became frustrated during his test but you always get the sense his respect for God never diminished. Look what he says;

[Job 34:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/16/s_470016) “But if *you have* understanding, hear this; Listen to the sound of my words.

[Job 34:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/17/s_470017) “Shall one who hates justice rule? And will you condemn the righteous mighty One,

/Job 34:18 **Who says to a king, ‘Worthless one**,’ To nobles, ‘Wicked ones’; 19 **Who shows no partiality to princes** nor regards the rich above the poor, for **they all are the work of His hands?**\

This is clear recognition of the power of God….this is a man who respects the Lord and does not want to reject God’s will even though he is struggling with despair and deflecting the verbal attacks from those who claim to care about him.

[Job 34:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/20/s_470020) “In a moment they die, and at midnight people are shaken and pass away, and the mighty are taken away without a hand.

/[Job 34:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/21/s_470021) “For **His eyes are upon the ways of a man,** and He sees all his steps. 22 “There is no darkness or deep shadow where the workers of iniquity **may hide themselves**.\

Royal family you may not fully understand His choices or His plan in the moment but trust that God will do what is right in the end …someday you will understand it.

/[Job 34:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/23/s_470023) “For **He does not *need to* consider a man further**, that he should go before God in judgment. 24 “He breaks in pieces mighty men without inquiry, and **sets others in their place**.\

[Job 34:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/25/s_470025) “Therefore He knows their works, and He overthrows *them* in the night, and they are crushed.

[Job 34:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/26/s_470026) “He strikes them like the wicked in a public place,

[Job 34:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/27/s_470027) Because they turned aside from following Him, and had no regard for any of His ways;

[Job 34:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/28/s_470028)- So that they caused the cry of the poor to come to Him, and that He might hear the cry of the afflicted—

We often see scriptures like this and think - *yeah I know of a person or situation that God hasn’t dealt with yet*…I know how cruel this person is or what that one did a year ago.

God isn’t on your time table nor does He seek revenge from anger like we do…He is concerned with justice and His righteousness which comes from a divine standard. We do not fully understand…and sometimes God deals with people in a private manner away from the public eye….you simple do not know.

[Job 34:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/job/34/29/s_470029)- When He keeps quiet, who then can condemn? And when He hides His face, who then can behold Him, That is, in regard to both nation and man?—

/God is not a fool who gets played and tricked by the schemes of man or Satan, God **ALWAYS** prevails in the end and is consistently under His sovereign source of divine justice. Whom He chooses to promote and what He deems fit to fulfill will eventually come to fruition in a way that illuminates truth and justice.\

REPEAT

This is why back in Matthew chapter 11 TLJC prays out loud about whom God uses in His plan and how God executes the plan and it is all outside of mankind’s futile wisdom.

/[Mat 11:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/11/26/s_940026) “Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. 27 “**All things have been handed over to Me** by My Father; and **no one knows the Son except the Father**; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and **anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him.***\

This speaks to TLJC deity.

The Trinity is forever and eternally inter- woven as three beings in one that is so profound in of itself that we should have no need to question why God uses some people or situations, while others we think should be in His plan are not used.

REPEAT

It is our own arrogance that questions God.

/Rom 9:20 On the contrary, **who are you, O man, who answers back to God**? The thing molded will not say to the molder, **“Why did you make me like this,”** will it?\

The same arrogance of OSN that looks down our nose at others and wants to judge situations and people that we truly don’t have every detail about.

The haughty eyes noted in scripture that think they know every detail and have a right to judge others….yet we never know every detail of someone’s life or current situation. (walk in their shoes)

/[Rom 14:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/rom/14/4/s_1060004) **Who are you to judge the servant of another**? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.\

It is God who picks and chooses leaders and situations…. somethings HE allows and other things HE ordains…REPEAT

ELABORATE

/[Jas 4:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jas/4/12/s_1150012) **There is *only* one Lawgiver and Judge**, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but **who are you who judge your neighbor?**\

Think about how the Pharisees and Scribes felt when TLJC taught these lessons and prayed this type of thing out loud….not only is He calling them out as phonies and hypocrites… HE has made it clear HE and The Father are one.

/The majority of what our Lord taught during His earthly ministry was bold and dangerous but it was truth and it spoke to the problems of man’s OSN and flawed opinions and how God will not conform to man-made systems and rituals.\

It is us…the human race who are to conform and take time to understand His ways… His words…and then accept the truth of scripture.

This is why I titled this - truth is revealed to the humble…

/When we operate in true humility (new nature), we don’t put God in a box and we are open to change and hungry for truth. Human viewpoint and secular wisdom lose the appeal as awe for the mind of Christ increases.\

You will start to notice that how God deals with situations and uses people in His plan are no longer nagging questions that you feel frustrated about.

You will begin to realize how God reveals truth and His plan a little at a time and it begins to make sense and you trust Him that He has everything under control.

I’ll leave you with a good example I used years ago when I was a Deacon and I was given the pulpit to start to teach when my pastor was out sick. (2012)

David is the example, and a great one on several fronts;

/David’s battle with Goliath would take courage, faith and nerves of steel combined with the accuracy of his sling. All of that was ingrained from years of shepherding & intimate relationship with the Lord.\

As a teenager David had responsibility to be out on his own tending to the family business…the flock of sheep.

By himself days and nights walking and protecting the sheep….this kept David fit and accurate with his sling.

/1Sa 17:34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant was tending his father’s sheep. **When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock,** 35 I went out after him and **attacked him, and rescued *it* from his mouth;** and when he rose up against me, **I seized *him* by his beard and struck him and killed him.**\

Verse 36 “Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God.”

Folks some scholars believe David was probably about 16 or 17 years old when he fought Goliath.

He had probably been tending to sheep since he was about 10 or 12 yrs old.

(boys in our day and age)

Those years prepared him mentally and physically. Just like the years he spent running and hiding from King Saul and battling his enemies before he finally became King made he a great leader.

Yet when we first see teenage David come before Samuel he was the last choice.

/1Sa 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “**Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature**, because I have rejected him; for **God *sees* not as man sees**, for man looks at the outward appearance, but **the LORD looks at the heart.”**\

We don’t know the end result of every situation nor do we know how God is going to use a man or woman that seems so unlikely for us yet it becomes the perfect person for God to use years down the road.