

Happy eyes! Your eyes can see and your ears can hear! Your mouth can speak and you can expect to receive what you believe, especially if you're a 'babe'! Don't look at me in that tone of voice, that's what Jesus said! **"Makarios>happy are the eyes seeing what you see."** That would be your physical eyes seeing physical things. (Lk 1023)

Then He continued, **"For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to 'see with their mind' what you 'see with your eyes' and didn't even 'see it in their mind'; and to 'begin to hear until they saw' what you are hearing, and they didn't do that either."** (Enhanced version) I took a bit more license than usual here with this text, but I want you to get a clear picture.

First, you have 2 words for 'see'. One is *blepo*, 'to see with the eyes', and the other *horao*, 'to see with the mind'. I inserted the 'your' and 'their' to clear up the picture. They 'begin to hear until they saw' is drawing the fullness of *akouo*, 'understanding what you're hearing' in Aorist Infinitive, meaning 'inceptive' or 'beginning'. (I'm aware that most of you don't care, but I have to go there.) Now, let's talk about it.

Many kings and prophets longed to see, even just conceiving clearly in their minds, what the disciples were actually seeing with their eyes. There were kings and prophets wanting to see the Kingdom of God being manifested, even just clearly in their minds. They wanted to come to know through faith what exactly to believe. They wanted to see The Kingdom come, but they didn't see it, hear it, or get it. But here's the good news, you do! That's why your eyes should be happy! You're a babe! Yeah, remember last week?

We looked into the word, *nepios*. Jesus said that the Father had revealed the nature and power of His Kingdom, and the authority of His Son to *nepiois*, (plural). You may remember that this word is normally translated 'children' or 'babes', but it is literally, *ne*, an ancient negative, and *epos*, 'word', hence 'without word' or 'not speaking' or 'untrained to speak'. Now let's put all this together in the Enhanced version that we built yesterday morning.

"I'm agreeing with you Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that You have concealed these things from the learned and sagacious (ability to understand difficult ideas) and have revealed them to those untrained; yes Father, for this was deemed right and proper before you."

The KJV uses the word "unlearned" 6 times, and they are 4 different words. One, *agrammatos*, literally is 'without letters'. Some say it means illiterate, but it's only used once, and that was when Peter and John were before the Jewish rulers in Acts 4:13. And they were not illiterate, they were 'unschooled', they had no degrees. You might say they were homeschooled!

In this verse we also find the word *idiotes*, which is translated 'unlearned' 3 of the six times. It doesn't mean 'idiot'. The Greeks wrote of it as a 'private person', as opposed to a public official. Then there's *amates*, that Peter uses in 2Pe 3:16, which is ignorant, you don't know. Lastly we have *apaideutos*, 'without instruction' or without being disciplined.

I'm sure that by now you're wondering, "What's the point?" Here it is, we're talking about us, we're talking about you! We don't have to be specially trained or publically appointed to be effective in ministering the love and power of The Kingdom of God in our lives. In fact, before Jesus said, **"Happy are the eyes seeing what you see."** He "turned to them privately."

As we pointed out last week, we don't have any record that these people were "trained to speak", we don't even know their names, but going in Jesus Name they effectively ministered The Kingdom of God, and each and all of us should be doing the same!

Love never fails!

