

# The Return of the Seventy Luke 10:17-24; Matthew 11:25-30

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*The sermon emphasizes the power of Jesus' name, the revelation of God's truth to babes, and the invitation to come to Jesus for rest.*

**Scripture:** Luke 10:17

**Topics:** "Authority of Christ", "Finding Rest in Jesus"

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## Description

R.A. Torrey emphasizes the joy and authority given to the seventy disciples as they return from their mission, highlighting the power of Jesus' name over evil and the assurance of their names being written in heaven. He explains that true wisdom and revelation come from God, not from human understanding, and that Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and earth. Torrey encourages believers to recognize their privileged position in knowing God and to accept Jesus' invitation to find rest for their souls through His easy yoke. The sermon underscores the importance of humility and reliance on Christ for spiritual strength and understanding.

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## Transcript

(Compare Matthew 13:16, 17)

### DISCOVERY OF THE FACTS

1. "Rejoice that Your Names are Written in Heaven," Luke 10:17-20 Had the seventy gone forth with confidence or with fear and trembling? How did they return? What had they demonstrated (v. 17)? Can we demonstrate the power of Jesus' name today in a similar manner? What were "the devils" that were subject unto them in the name of Jesus? (See A. R. V.) Is the unseen world of evil a mighty world? (Eph. 6:12, R. V.) Why need we not dread it? What is mightier than the power of Satan?

In the demons being subject unto the seventy through the power of His name, of what did our Lord see a prophecy (v. 18)? Has Satan fallen from heaven yet? (Eph. 6:11, 12, R. V.; Rev. 12:7-9; 20:2.) What will be the manner of his fall? What is meant by saying that his fall will be as "lightning"? What did our Lord come to do in relation to the Devil? (1 John 3:8; Heb. 2:14.) Shall we also have power over Satan? (Ro. 16:20.) How do we obtain this power? (9:1.) What authority does our Lord give to His ambassadors (v. 19)?

How secure is His ambassador (v. 19)? (Ps. 91:10, 13; Mark 16:18; Acts 28:5; Luke 21:17, 18; Ro. 8:31-39; Heb. 13:5, 6.) Is there anything even better yet for the disciple (v. 20)? With what feeling should this fill our hearts? Did the seventy know that their names were written in heaven? How? May we know it? How? Would it be possible for one to do wonders in the name of Jesus and yet not have his name written in heaven? (Matt. 7:22, 23; 27:5; 1 Cor. 13:2, 3.) Whose names are written in heaven? (Heb. 12:23.) 2.

To Whom God Reveals the Truth, Luke 10:21-22; Matt. 11:25-27 In what state of mind do we see our Lord in v. 21? Who was the source of His joy? (See R. V.; Gal. 5:22.) To what beside rejoicing did the Holy Spirit lead Him? Does the Holy Spirit always lead those whom He fills into thanksgiving and praise? (Eph. 5:18-20.) To whom did our Lord return thanks? What did He call the Father? What is meant by this expression? From whom does God hide His truth? Can a man who is full of his own wisdom have God's? (Is. 5:21; 1 Cor. 1:18-27.)

If we are to be wise with a true wisdom, what place must we take? (1 Cor. 3:18-20.) What must we renounce? To whom does God reveal His truth? What is meant by "babes"? Why does God reveal His truth unto babes and not unto the wise and prudent (v. 21)? (Matt. 11:26.) Is that reason enough? How much authority did our Lord say had been delivered unto Him by the Father (v. 22)? Is that statement to be taken in the broadest and most absolute sense? (Matt. 28:18; John 3:35; 13:3; 17:2; Eph. 1:20-23; Phil. 2:10, 11; Heb. 2:8-10; Acts 10:36.)

Has God actually committed the whole universe, terrestrial as well as celestial, into the hands of Jesus Christ? What kind of a Saviour then have we? How wise a Saviour is He? How thoroughly does He know God? Who alone beside our Lord can thoroughly know God? How alone can He be known? Outside of the revelation which Jesus Christ makes of the Father, what is God? Why does God not need to remain to us the unknowable (v. 22)? (1 John 5:20.) To whom does the Son reveal the Father? 3.

"Blessed are the Eyes that See the Things Which Ye See," Luke 10:23, 24 What did our Lord say to His disciples privately (vv. 23, 24)? (Matt. 13:16, 17.) What were the things which their eyes had seen to which He referred? Above whom had He exalted His disciples (v. 24)? Have we as exalted a position as the prophets of old had? Do we know things which they did not know? (1 Peter 1:10-12.) What things? 4. How to Find Rest, Matt. 11:28-30 What wonderful invitation is in these verses?

Who is it gives the invitation? Whom does He invite? What is meant by "all that labor"? By "all that are heavy laden"? What does our Lord promise to those who accept His invitation? What is the great need of the human heart today? Who alone gives rest? Upon what condition? To how many of those who come to Him will He give rest? How does the deity of Jesus Christ come out in this invitation? If He were not divine, what would such an invitation prove Him to be? What does He bid us do in v. 29?

What is meant by this? (See also John 14:21-23; 15:10-14.) Does He bid us do anything beside take His yoke upon us? Why? If we do this what shall we find? What kind of rest do men need most of all? What does He say of His yoke (v. 30)? Is His yoke really easy? Is His burden really light? (1 John 5:3; Prov. 3:17.) In what three striking ways does the deity of Christ come out in this lesson? CLASSIFICATION OF TEACHINGS

## 1. The Father

His sovereignty, does as is well-pleasing in His own sight, Lord of heaven and earth, hides His truth from the wise and understanding, reveals it unto babes, 21; delivers all things unto the Son, knows, is known by

Him, 22.

## 2. Jesus Christ

His deity, 17, 19, 22, 28; subordination to the Father, 21, 22; the power of His name, 17; His omnipotence, 19; supreme authority over heaven and earth, knowledge of the Father, 22; joy in the Holy Spirit, faithfulness to the Father, 21; revealer of the Father, 22; the giver of rest, 28, 29; the character of His service--His yoke easy and His burden light, 30.

## 3. The Holy Spirit

The author of joy, the inspirer of thanksgiving and praise, 21.

## 4. Satan

His exalted dignity, doom, 18; subjection to the name of Jesus, impotence against those who work in Jesus' name, 17, 19.

## 5. Christ's Disciples

Their names written in heaven, 20; have authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, nothing shall in any wise hurt them, 19; even the demons subject to them through the name of Christ, 17; Jesus Christ reveals the Father to them, 22; the Father reveals His truth to them, 21; exalted and privileged above prophets and kings, 24; have rest unto their souls, 28, 29; have an easy yoke and a light burden, 30.

## 6. Rest

Who offers it--Jesus, 28; to whom--those that labor and are heavy laden, 28; how it is found--by coming unto Jesus, taking His yoke and learning of Him, 28-30.

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