



## Midweek Meditation



*"Jesus declared, 'I thank You, Father... that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children.'"*  
*Matthew 11:25*

Little children here is not referring to age. A study of the Greek shows something interesting about the word Jesus uses. Little children means "not speaking." Those who are "wise and understanding" sound forth with their mouths but the little children, to whom the Father reveals the Gospel of salvation, keep their mouths closed. They are the unspeaking ones. They are spoken to. They are taught. They receive instruction.

Jesus did much of His teaching in Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum. But these towns were filled with people who were wise and understanding. Too wise for their own good. Wise in their own minds. Their worldly wisdom prevented them from seeing the simple truths Jesus was teaching. They were not unspeaking. They opened their mouths in objection. They offered excuses. They were not teachable.

When Jesus speaks, we must be the unspeaking ones. When He invites us with His gracious words, "Come unto Me," we do not want to open our mouths with objections and offer our excuses. Jesus always speaks to our needs. We need His forgiveness, His life, His salvation. He offers and gives these precious gifts freely to us. These gifts are too simple for the wise and understanding. May God in His mercy, therefore, keep us always as His unspeaking ones.

*Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens. Let Your Word to me come near. Amen.*