

“Mountaintop Experiences”

Mark 9:1-13

“Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them and a voice came from the cloud: ‘This is My Son whom I love. Listen to Him!’” (9:7)

While Peter has confessed that Jesus is the Messiah, as prophesied in the Old Testament, neither he nor the disciples have fully grasped what this means. Jesus has begun to teach them about His future suffering and resurrection – both of which are the pattern for His disciples as well. ‘Satanic’ thinking wants the glory of the resurrection and kingdom without suffering as Peter exhibited in his rebuke of Jesus. Jesus, however, is still trying to help the disciples understand He is God in the flesh who is willing to suffer for His children.

“A Glimpse of the Future Glory”

(9:1-8)

What did Jesus say in 9:1 what the visual experience in 9:2-8 was?

9:1 a vision of the _____ of God come with _____

How is Jesus described?

9:2 He was _____ before them

9:3 clothes were dazzling _____, whiter than anything ‘white’ in the world

The word ‘transfigured’ is where we get the word ‘metamorphoses from. It means to change into another form. It is only used here and in two other places referring to us. What is it we are to be ‘metamorphed’ into?

Rom. 12:2 don’t _____ [be like] to the pattern of this world but be transformed [metamorphed] so God is pleased

2 Cor. 3:18 we are being transformed [metamorphed] into His _____ with ever-increasing _____ which comes from the Lord

*The apostle John had another vision of Jesus like this, just for him in **Rev. 1:16**. What was similar?*

Rev. 1:14 head & hair were _____ like wool, as white as _____

1:16 His face was like the _____ in all its brilliance

Jesus identified Himself to John in 1:17-18. What did He emphasize?

1:17 I am the _____ and the _____

1:18 I am the _____ One; I was _____ and behold I am _____ for ever and ever.

Here in Mark 9, Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus. Why are they there? There are a number of suggestions:

Matt. 18:16 every matter must be established by 2 or 3 _____

Matt. 11:13 For all the _____ [represented by Elijah]
And the _____ [represented by Moses] prophesied until John

Ex. 24:1, 9 _____ was invited by God up to a mountain where he experienced God's presence

1 Kings 18:36-38 _____ experienced an awesome display of God's power on a mountain

Mark 8:35-38 both Moses & Elijah are visible evidences that _____ their life for Jesus resulted in saving their life and Jesus was not _____ of them as He appeared in His glory

What did Peter want to do?

9:5 build 3 _____ [tabernacles]

While we know Peter wasn't thinking too clearly, he did connect Tabernacles with what significant event?

Zech. 14:1, 9, 16 when Jesus is _____ of the earth the Feast of _____ will be observed

Peter still didn't get it. Moses and Elijah foreshadowed and spoke about Jesus but they are not co-equals. What is it that God Himself has to clarify by verbally speaking?

9:7 "This [Jesus] is My _____. Listen to Him!"

*** Peter did eventually get this. He even mentioned this experience in 2 Pet. 1:16-18! As great as this experience was, what did Peter say was even more important?**

2 Pet. 1:19 and we have the _____ of the prophets made more _____ and you will do well to pay _____ to it.

*** Read Acts 3:17-23. Peter also understood this event in its context from Deut. 18.**

"A Question About the Future Glory"

(9:9-13)

Jesus commands the disciples to keep quiet about this vision until after His resurrection. Meanwhile, the appearance of Jesus and Elijah raises a question. If Jesus is the Messiah and He has come, isn't _____ supposed to come first?

Did Jesus agree with this statement? _____

When Elijah comes, what does Jesus say he will do?

9:12 _____ all things

Where does Jesus (and the scribes) get this from?

Mal. 4:4-6 the Old Testament ends with Malachi reminding Israel about the Law given to _____ and that Elijah will come before the dreadful ' _____ ' comes

What will happen in that day?

4:1 all evildoers will burn with _____

4:2 those who fear God's name will receive _____ and leap like _____ from a stall

What will Elijah do on the day the Lord comes?

4:5-6 _____ the hearts of the fathers to their children

When Jesus says "Elijah has come" who did He mean?

Luke 1:13-17 _____

What was it that "they had done to him"?

Mark 6:17, 27 a _____ & then b _____

*** What's the connection Jesus is trying to make with John, Himself (9:12-13) and all those who wish to follow Jesus? (8:34-38)**

Praying the Gospel of Mark

Here are some suggestions how we can use Mark 9:2-13 for prayer:

9:2 *"There He was transfigured before them . . ."*

Pray that God would impress upon us anew His glory and His Son's glory and He wants to change us into it! [2 Cor. 3:18]

9:5 *"Master, it is good for us to be here . . ."*

All experiences from God are meant to be enjoyed and to thank God for them. Praise Him when they happen!!

9:7 *"This is My Son . . . Listen to Him!"*

Pray we have ears to hear and hearts to obey