

Mark 9:1-10

Glorious Transfiguration

Introduction:

There are essentially two states in the life of Christ. His state of humiliation and His state of exaltation. Now what is interesting is that His state of humiliation was not cut and dry as if there was no sense of glimpses of His glory. There certainly were, even though He was born in a humble stable, the glory of God was manifested to the shepherds in the field so that they visited the Christ child. Starting with His baptism, we hear the voice of His heavenly Father in a glorious way say: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Luke 2:13,14; Matt. 3:16,17) Of course throughout His public ministry we remember the feeding of the five thousand, the healing of the sick, raising of Lazarus from the dead. In these and many other occasions Jesus' glory was to a certain degree revealed. But nothing compared to the glorious transformation of Jesus on the mountain with the three witnesses, Peter, James and John. This glorious event foreshadowed His resurrection, ascension and Second Coming.

- I. **Death Eliminated – v.1**
 - A. **Deathless**
 1. The resurrection up to the Second Coming of Christ
 2. This is a complete unit
 - B. **Holy Spirit**
 1. Will provide a great influx of believing Gentiles to join the Jewish remnant
 2. Will empower the church to turn the world upside down – Acts 17:6
 - C. **No death for the elect remaining on the earth when Jesus comes again – I Thess. 4:13-18**

- II. **Life Transfigured – v.2-10**
 - A. **Sons of Thunder: Peter, James and John – Luke 9:51-56**
 - B. **Jesus appearance – v.3**
 1. Garments – white and bright (Fuller)
 2. Face – "shone like the sun" Matt. 17:2
 3. Countenance changed – Luke 9:29; II Pet. 1:16, 17
 - C. **Elijah, Moses appears – v.4 (Law and Prophets)**
 1. Peter's reaction – v.5
 2. A time to be silent – Eccl. 3:7
 - D. **The Voice of God – v.7**
 1. What does God's voice sound like? – Job 39:25; 40:9; Psa. 104:7; Rev. 14:2
 2. The cloud suggests the presence of God – Luke 9:34; Ex. 13:21; Luke 21:27
 - E. **Listen to the Son of God:**
 1. Jesus taught with authority – Matt. 7:28-29
 2. God takes delight in man's salvation – Ezek. 33:11; John 5:24
 - F. **Tell no one v. 9 Why?**
 1. Because The full manifestation of Christ glory must not be revealed until His death and resurrection – Acts 1:8
 2. Because for the disciples needed clarity, for now it was a Conundrum! (a riddle or puzzling statement) Daniel 12:2; John 10:17,18