

24- Peeking at the Glory

Mark 9:2-13

I- The Transfiguration:

Mark 9:2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. 3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

What we see in the transfiguration is the glory of Him as God peeking through. Jesus said in *John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.* This reinforces the fact that He was God in the flesh.

This glory is the Shekinah glory of God. It appear as a pillar of fire and cloud as God lead the children of Israel through the wilderness. *Exodus 13:21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: And at the dedication of the temple of Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:1-3 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. 2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house. 3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.*

Daniel gives us the only description of the personage of God in *Daniel 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.* Christ stood before these men glowing with the glory of God.

II- Greater than the Law and Prophets:

Mark 9:4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 6 For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

Along with Jesus we have Moses and Elijah appearing. Moses was the one who embodied the law. Elijah is considered the representative of the prophets. So we have the law and the prophets here in the form of Moses and Elijah.

Peter says they should make three tabernacles because of Jesus, Moses and Elijah. This is a revelation of God that a greater than Moses and Elijah had come, a greater than the law and the prophets.

Notice with me *Hebrews 1:1-3 ESV Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature...*

We see that Christ was more worthy of glory than Moses in *Hebrews 3:3 For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.*

So the understanding of the disciples and us is advanced beyond Jesus simply being equal with the law and the prophets to clearly superior. *Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

The purpose of the prophets were to point to Christ as well. *Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.*

Notice *Romans 3:20-22 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe...*

God is going to again give testimony of the Son. *Mark 9:7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.* Moses and Elijah were gone and Jesus only was left. *Mark 9:8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.*

III- Thinking about the Implications:

The disciples we see were thinking of the implications of what they saw. *Mark 9:9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. 10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean. 11 And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come? 12 And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought. 13 But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.*

What is the meaning of the transfiguration in our lives. Certainly it reinforces the fact that He was God in the flesh. Still I suggest it has a greater teaching for us. Jesus will someday come again. *Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.* The appearing of Jesus will be in His glory.

We receive our righteousness from Christ. Notice *Philippians 3:20-21 HCSB 20 but our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subject everything to Himself.*

The question is do you know the Savior today? Have you had your sins washed white by His blood? *Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

Isaiah 1:18 NASB "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.