

# *The Mount of Splendor*

Mark 9:1-10

Introduction:

- ♦ I want to see Jesus like no one else has seen Him.
- ♦ I want to know Him and be known by Him.
- ♦ I want Jesus to look at me, and like what He sees.
- ♦ I want to look at Jesus and know what I am seeing.

*And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13*

## **I. The heavenly vision on the mount of splendor. (V. 2-3)**

### **A. The trio that accompanied Christ on the mountain.**

*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. Mark 9:2*

Peter:

*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38*

*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. Acts 2:41*

James:

*And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. Acts 12:2* (James would be the first disciple to be martyred.)

John:

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

### **B. The transformation of Christ on the mountain.**

*And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. Mark 9:3*

## **The Disciples had Witnessed Jesus in His Humanity but, They Would Now Experience Him in His Heavenly Beauty**

- ◆ Tied to the human body, Jesus was bound to its limitations. It would have been easy for His disciples to see Him through those restrictions.
- ◆ It would be easy to forget the true wonder of His glory.
- ◆ The purity of His righteousness could have been diminished in comparison to His surroundings.
- ◆ His humility might have caused them to see Him for less than who He was.
- ◆ Familiarity breeds contempt. Just because they could have a casual conversation with Him didn't mean they deserved that opportunity.

*“As the disciples observed, Jesus was ‘transfigured before Him’. The term used here is the basis of our word ‘metamorphosis,’ which is a change on the outside that comes from the inside.”*

**- Jerry Vines**

### **II. The heavenly visitors on the mount of splendor. (V. 4-6)**

#### **A. The significance of the visitor's presence.**

***And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. Mark 9:4***

**Moses:** *He represents the law, delivers from Egypt, and dies in God's embrace.*

**Elijah:** *He represents the prophets, performs many miracles, preserves the worship of God, and goes to Heaven in a fiery chariot.*

***And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: (V.31) Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. Luke 9:30-31***

#### **B. The sensation that the visitors provoked.**

***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. (V. 6) For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. Mark 9:5-6***

***But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. Luke 9:32***

### **Peter Misunderstood the Purpose of the Visitors**

- ◆ He put the visitors on the same level of honor that he put Christ.
- ◆ God showed Peter the celestial, but he was still tied to the secular.
- ◆ Peter became so accustomed to what he knew about Jesus as a human, that he couldn't comprehend Jesus in His true essence.

*For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 2 Peter 1:16*

### **III. The heavenly voice on the mount of splendor. (V. 7-8)**

#### **A. The source of the voice that spoke from Heaven.**

*And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, Mark 9:7*

*“What God says to me is more important than what I say to Him.”*  
**- Adrian Rogers**

#### **B. The subject of the voice that spoke from Heaven.**

*. . . This is my beloved Son: hear him. (V. 8) And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves. Mark 9:7-8*