
Mark 9:21 Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

Mark 9:23 "If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead."

²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" ²⁹ He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

The Wonder of Glory

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The Dazzling Picture of Glory

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Mark 9:2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.

Mark 9:3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

Mark 9:4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Mark 9:5 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Mark 9:7 Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

“The sense that in this universe we are treated as strangers, the longing to be acknowledged, to meet with some

response, to bridge some chasm that yawns between us and reality, is part of our inconsolable secret. And surely from this point of view the promise of glory becomes highly relevant to our deepest desire. For glory means good (relationship) with God, acceptance by God, response, acknowledgment, and welcome into the heart of things. The door on which we have been knocking all our lives will open at last then our lifelong nostalgia, our longing to be reunited with something in the universe from which we now feel cut off, to be on the inside of some door which we have always seen from the outside, is no mere neurotic fancy but the truest index of our real situation.... At present we are on the outside of the world, the wrong side of the door But all the leaves of the N.T. are rustling with the rumor that it will not always be so. Someday, God willing, we shall get in." -The Weight of Glory, by C. S. Lewis

The Death of Glory

Mark 9:9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

¹⁰ *They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant.*

Mark 9:11 And they asked him, "Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

Mark 9:12 Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected?"

Mark 9:13 But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written

about him."

The Vision of Glory

Hebrews 12:2 (RSV) ... looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, despising its shame and is seated at the right hand of God.

The Power of Glory

Mark 9:14 When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them.

¹⁵ *As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.*

¹⁶ *"What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.*

¹⁷ *A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech.*

¹⁸ *Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."*

Mark 9:19 "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

²⁰ *So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.*
