

# **“His Kingdom Will Come”**

## **Luke 9:27-36**

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### **I. Introduction**

- A. I want to look together with you at what has rightly been called “one of the most astonishing of all our Lord’s experiences on earth.”
  - 1. It’s called the “transfiguration”
  - 2. John, who was on the mount, said, “We behold His glory”
- B. Why was Jesus transfigured on the mountain?
  - 1. It was the Father’s seal of approval to Peter’s confession of Christ (v. 20)
  - 2. It was to teach that the cross would lead to glory (vv. 21-26)
  - 3. It was a preview of the Second Coming (v. 27)
    - a) It was also meant to encourage us that God can and will transform our suffering into glory
  - 4. It was to show the glory of Christ’s person
- C. There are three dramatic occurrences in this account I want to look at

### **II. The Heavenly Vision (Luke 9:27-29)**

- A. The men (v. 28)
  - 1. Jairus’ daughter- victory over death
  - 2. In the Garden- surrender to death
  - 3. Now, on the mountain- glorified in death
  - 4. “These three occasions remind me of Philippians 3:10 ‘that I may know him (the transfiguration), and the power of his resurrection (raising the girl), and the fellowship of His sufferings (in the Garden).’ – Warren Wiersbe
- B. The mountain (v. 28)
  - 1. “To pray” (v. 28)
- C. The Master (v. 29)
  - 1. “He was transfigured before them and His face shone as the sun and His raiment was white as the light” (Matthew 17:2)
  - 2. “He was transfigured before them. And His raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them” (Mark 9:2-3).
  - 3. “Transfigured” is literally “metamorphosed”
  - 4. Same as Romans 12:2 “be ye transformed”
  - 5. What was this metamorphosis?
    - a) He pulled back the veil of His humanity to reveal His past pre-incarnate glory and His future coming glory
    - b) (John 17)
    - c) His Second Coming glory (Revelation 1)
  - 6. Think about what the disciples saw
    - a) The glory of His divine nature and the glory of His coming kingdom
    - b) Illustration- Old Testament- “The pillar of glory”
    - c) Illustration- New Testament- Christ’s first coming (Luke 2)
    - d) (Luke 8 and 9)

- e) The Lord of glory
- 7. How was this meant to encourage the disciples?
  - a) It was a demonstration and confirmation of Christ's coming glory, which they would share in
  - b) We will share in His glory
    - 1) (Romans 8:18)
    - 2) New bodies (2 Corinthians 5)

### III. The Heavenly Visitors (Luke 9:30-33)

- A. Why Moses and Elijah? (v. 30)
  - 1. Both men had met with God before on mountaintops
    - a) Moses on Sinai
    - b) Elijah on Horeb
  - 2. Proof of life after death
    - a) Moses- 1,400 and Elijah- 900
    - b) Illustration- People ask, "will we know each other in Heaven?"
    - c) We will be reunited with family and friends
  - 3. Two ways believers go to Heaven
    - a) Moses- death
    - b) Elijah- Rapture
      - 1) (1 Thessalonians 4)
      - 2) (John 14)
  - 4. They represent the two main divisions of the Old Testament
    - a) Moses- The Law
    - b) Elijah- The prophets
    - c) They both point to Jesus
    - d) Jesus said, "think not" (Matthew 5:17)
- B. What were Moses and Elijah doing there with Jesus?
  - 1. They were talking (v. 31)
  - 2. What were they talking about?
    - a) "His death" (v. 31)
    - b) His exodus
  - 3. What a Bible conference that was!
  - 4. The cross was and is the center of God's revelation and glory
    - a) Old Testament- tips
    - b) Old Testament prophets- verbal
      - 1) (Isaiah 53)
    - c) The cross would not prevent the kingdom from coming, but would rather make it possible

### IV. The Heavenly Voice (Luke 9:34-36)

- A. "A cloud" (v. 34)
  - 1. It was the Shekinah glory
  - 2. Old Testament- Moses said, "I want to see your glory"
- B. "A voice" (v. 35)
  - 1. From the Father

2. "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." (v. 35)
- C. "Hear Him" or "listen to Him"
  1. The Law and the Prophets pointed to Jesus
  2. Jesus is God's last word to man (Hebrews 1)
  3. Jesus is far greater than Moses or Elijah
    - a) Remember, "Who do men say that I am?"
  4. God is speaking. Are you listening?
    - a) Are you lost? Jesus said, "I am the way"
    - b) Are you thirsty? Jesus said, "come to me and drink"
    - c) Are you hungry? Jesus said, "I am the bread of life"
    - d) Are you in darkness? Jesus said, "I am the light"
- D. Jesus was found alone (v. 36)
  1. There was no need to detain Moses or Elijah. If Jesus remained with them, that was enough.
  2. Moses and Elijah cannot save. Only Jesus can.
  3. He touched them
  4. He can touch you and save you!

## V. Conclusion

- A. His Kingdom will come!
  1. (2 Peter 1:16-21)
- B. Signs of the times
  1. Israel is a nation again (1948)
  2. The great falling away (2 Thessalonians 2)
  3. The increase in spiritism (1 Timothy 4:1-3)
  4. Decline in moral standard (2 Timothy 3)
  5. The world becomes one