

MARK 9:2-13 FRAGMENTS & JESUS IN THE O. T.

INTRO:

- Let's go back to Mark's record of the transfiguration and pick up some fragments that remain.

Vs 8;

- They saw Jesus only. Jesus exceeds Moses and Elijah; He is the substance of which they were only the shadow.
- Another thing we find in Matt. account; Mt. 17:6 They fell on their faces when they heard the Fathers' voice, not Moses, Jesus, cloud, etc...
- But the voice of the Father. (2 Peter. 1:16-18 Ps. 29:3-9,)

VS. 12,13; Elijah's coming and mission.

- He was coming to restore. What did Elijah restore?
- At this time Israel worshiped form and tradition.
- that which was meant to be a means became the end.
- John came and preached repentance toward God, to come into relationship with God and not religion.
- To restore and enliven a relationship with their God, but the familiarity of it all began to steal from them the wonder, the privilege, the joy and life of coming to God.
- The ritual became the end and they did not follow through or see through these things to embrace fellowship with the living God.
- He was to restore this personal relationship to the living God and release Israel from the bondage of dead ritualism.
 - Lk. 1:17; He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."
- How is my time with God, in worship, in bible reading, in prayer, in singing. Am I touching God?
- We too must be careful, lest we lose the wonder and joy of coming to Jesus.
- Let not bible reading, prayer time, church and singing become a ritual. If so, your heart will dry up and all will become dead even as it did for Israel.
- May worship be real, alive and heart felt, an encounter with God. (Jn. 4:21-24)

VS. 4 They were talking with Jesus.

- Lk. 9:31; they spoke of His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem.
- We see Jesus beginning at 8:31, often bringing the disciples face to face with the fact of His coming passion and death.
 - verse 9b, 12b.

- **Lk. 24:25-27** notice the context from vs. 26
- **Lk. 24:44**, see the context again, vs. **39 & 46**
- The New Testament when using the word "scriptures" speaks of the O. T.
 - Jn. 5:39, 2 Tim. 3:15
- The bible is a single book with a single message, God's plan of redemption. We must recognize this theme in every book of the Bible.
- His passion, crucifixion and substitutional death is a theme throughout the whole bible.
- The O.T. looks forward to the coming fulfillment, while the gospels display the long-awaited promise and fulfillment and the rest of the N.T. shows us how to thrive in that present fulfillment.

Now let's look into the O.T. to see some of the continuous thread of the promise and revelation of the One who was promised.

- Let's take a short stop in **Daniel. 1 & 3**
- As one man wrote; "Like a glistening diamond on a velvet pillow, the city of Jerusalem is set among the hills of Judea."
- It was the city of God the Great King.
- In Jerusalem the temple of Jehovah stood in magnificent splendor and glory.
- God placed His name there; He met His people there.
- But 1000 miles to the east stood another city, the greatest city the pride and skill of man had ever built. it was the city of Babylon.
- The city was surrounded by 3 mighty walls.
- One of her walls may have been 300' high, almost 90 wide at the base,
- Wide enough at the top for several chariots to run races side by side. (60' thick at the top)
- The walls measure nearly 21 miles in length.
- The great river Euphrates wound its way through the city.
- Inside these walls were many gardens, grounds, vineyards, farms and markets.
- Here we could have found one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world, the hanging gardens which the king built for his wife.
- Near the center was the temple honoring Neb. favorite god, Bel. It is said its spires towered hundreds of feet upwards.
- On its altars were sacrificed a multitude of animals offered to Bel and then sold throughout the city at different markets and was a reason that Daniel and his 3 friends would not eat the "kings' meat."
- Inside, in the amazing palace, lived king Nebuchadnezzar.
- After having witnessed the destruction of their beloved city by Nebuchadnezzar here the captive Israelites including the 4 young men were taken.
- Oh, how they would morn over their beloved city.
 - **Ps. 137: 1-6**

Now let's take that closer look at our faithful Jesus.

- **Dan. 3:1-17**
- **See vs. 17; our God is able.**
- **They knew that if it were God's will to glorify Himself through their deliverance, He would do it.**
- **If it were God's will to glorify Himself through their death, they were willing. They had faith in the God of providence.**
- **They knew God was Able! is God able in your situations?**

Let's do a quick walk through the O.T. scriptures to see Jesus.

- **In Gen. He is the seed of the woman whose heel is bruised.**
- **Ex. He is the Pass-over Lamb.**
- **Lev. He is the many pictured offerings and sacrifices.**
- **Nub. the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night.**
- **Deut. He is the Prophet like unto Moses.**
- **Josh. He is the Captain of our salvation.**
- **Judges. He is our Judge and Deliverer.**
- **Ruth. He is our Kinsman Redeemer.**
- **Sam. He is our faithful Prophet**
- **Kings, He is our zealous Prophet and judge of the false.**
- **Chron. He is our Ark and mercy seat.**
- **Ezra. He is the Word of God.**
- **Nehe. He is our faithful builder and restorer of broken walls.**
- **Ester. He is our faithful Mordecai.**
- **Job. He is our Sovereign God and ever living Redeemer.**
- **Psalms. He is our Shepherd King.**
- **Prov. He is our Wisdom.**
- **Ecc. He is the great Preacher.**
- **Song of Songs. He is our heavenly Bridegroom and He is all together lovely.**
- **Isa. He is our wonderful counselor, Prince of Peace and yet the Man of sorrows.**
- **Jeremiah & Lam. He is our weeping Prophet.**
- **Ezek. He is the four faced Man.**
- **Hosea. He is our Faithful Husband.**
- **Joel. He is the baptizer with the Holy Spirit.**
- **Amos. Our burden Bearer.**
- **Obad. He is the one who is Might to Save.**
- **Jonah. He is the great Commissioner.**
- **Micah. He is the Messenger with the beautiful feet.**
- **Nahum. He is the avenger of God's elect.**
- **Hab. He the Reviver.**
- **Zeph. the Savior.**
- **Hagg. He is the Restorer of God's lost heritage.**
- **Zech. He is our Fountain opened.**
- **And in Malachi, He is the Sun of Righteousness rising with healing in His wings.**

Who is this fourth Man?

He is Abel's sacrifice, Noah's Rainbow, Abraham's Ram, Isaac's wells, Jacob's scepter, Moses Rod, our steadfast Mercy seat, the bronze Serpent lifted high, Gideon's trumpet, David's slingshot and stone, Daniel's lion tamer.

He is a Father to the fatherless, a Husband to the widow, He is the Bright and Morning star for all who are discouraged or hopeless.

He is the "brightness of God's glory, the Express Image of His Person, the King of glory and the King of Kings. Our soon coming conquering Savior.