



**PRAYERS
AND PRAYER
TEACHINGS IN THE
BOOK OF LUKE, # 2**

I. Our study of the prayers and prayer teachings in Luke continue this evening.

A. Jesus prayed on “The Mount of Transfiguration”-Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36.

1. We are told specifically that the four (Jesus, Peter, James, and John) had gone up on the mountain to pray-Luke 9:28.

2. This apparently happened 6 or 8 days after the Lord had announced the building of His church and of His impending suffering and death-Matthew 16:21; Mark 8:31; Luke 9:22.

3. During the Lord’s prayer, He was transfigured before Peter, James, and John.

“And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering”- Luke 9:29.

4. *“His face did shine as the sun”*-Matthew 17:2.

5. *“His raiment was white as the light”*-Matthew 17:2.

6. *“His raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them”*-Mark 9:3.

7. Moses and Elijah appeared to him and talked with Him.

“And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

Who appeared in glory, and spake with him concerning his decease (exodon) which he should accomplish at Jerusalem”-Luke 9:30 & 31.

“Who appearing in glory spoke of his exodus which he was about to complete in Jerusalem”-Jay P. Green, Interlinear Greek-English new Testament, pg. 114.

Note: The Greek word “exodon,” is used to refer to Peter’s death in II Peter 1:15.

8. Shortly after coming down from the mountain (perhaps the next day, see v. 37), Luke makes this statement:

“And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly, (sterizo, to fix firmly), set his face to go to Jerusalem”-v. 51.

9. The time here apparently is in August before He died the following April (about 8 months).

10. It took lots of moral strength for the Lord to head towards Jerusalem where He would suffer and die some 8 months after His transfiguration!

FROM ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION SURROUNDING THE LORD'S TRANSFIGURATION, HERE ARE SOME CONCLUSIONS I'VE DRAWN THROUGH THE YEARS:

1. The Lord was troubled about His impending death which He had just announced shortly before the transfiguration.

2. He took perhaps his 3 favorite apostles with Him on the mountain to pray for strength in view of His impending death.

3. Moses and Elijah appeared in their glorified state to refresh the Lord's memory of how wonderful heaven was.

4. It seems logical to me the words spoken by these 2 great servants of God were words of encouragement to Jesus as He faced His own death.

5. The words spoken by Moses and Elijah reminded the Lord that his death in Jerusalem was to be an “exit” from earth back to heaven!

6. The whole transfiguration experience gave the Lord the strength He needed to walk back into Jerusalem to die!

7. And don't forget that His death was for you and me! Never, ever, forget this!!

A wonderful “side lesson” is learned from the word “exodon;” and the lesson is that death for the faithful Christian is an exit from this world into heaven itself.

***“For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better”-
Philippians 1:23.***

B. Jesus taught His disciples to pray-Luke 11:1-4.

1. The disciples came and asked the Lord to teach them to pray-v. 1.

2. The question came out of the context of the disciples SEEING THE LORD PRAY-v. 1.

3. John's practice of teaching his disciples is also mentioned-v. 1.

4. The lesson learned here is that examples are powerful!

5. Its good to know that the harbinger of the Lord was a man given to prayer!

6. One of the things we can learn about God is that throughout the bible, He has been very "choosy" about the men and women He "placed on His team!"

7. I've finally come to the point and time in my life where I'm rather bold in reminding people that I have a right to chose people of high standards to be on my team!

Anyone who does this is only following in the footsteps of God and the Lord Jesus Christ!

8. God chose John the Baptist to be the harbinger of Christ because he was a man of very high standards spiritually! See Matthew 11:11.

LETS TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT THE FIRST STATEMENT IN THE PRAYER!

1. Jesus addressed God as: “Our Father which art in heaven!”

“For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble heart, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones”-Isaiah 57:15.

Every child of God gets discouraged sometimes, and God gives that encouragement! He “revives us again,” as we sometimes sing in the song!

“Why sayest thou Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait (kivvo, to trust, or hope) upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as an eagle; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint”-Isaiah 40:27-31.

BRETHREN, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER WILL NOT ABANDONE US! See also Hebrews 13:5.

Remember what I said earlier, “Every Christian gets discouraged from time to time!”

In that time, Christians must remember that their FATHER IN HEAVEN dwells with them to strengthen and revive them!

Even the great apostle Paul despaired of life-see the record in II Corinthians 1:8 & 9.

“For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver.”

See also John 10:27-30 & Romans 5:6-10

GOD'S PEOPLE MUST REALIZE THAT THEIR FATHER IN HEAVEN IS THE GREAT CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH! AND AS HIS CHILDREN, WE MUST REALIZE THAT HE DWELLS WITH US TO REVIVE US WHEN WE'RE DOWNCAST, AND GIVES US PROTECTION AS WE KEEP ON HEARING AND FOLLOWING HIM!