

The Supremacy of Christ

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Jesus calls us to repent and believe the gospel, which means we rightly understand the path to glory comes through suffering. But it also means we vigorously rely upon Him and His power to overturn the work of the devil and establish the kingdom of God for His eternal glory.

I. Supremacy of Christ in Glory – Read Mark 9:2-13

- A. In light of the transfiguration, how do you interpret Jesus' statement in Mark 9:1 that "*there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God.*"
- B. What do you think is the significance of the appearance of Moses and Elijah (Mark 9:4)?
- C. How do you think you're doing with God the Father's declaration, "This is beloved Son; listen to Him"? What are all the other voices in your life that you tempted to listen to?
- D. If the transfiguration points forward to Jesus' resurrection glory after His crucifixion, what suffering is God using right now in your life to better prepare you for your future glory?

II. Supremacy of Christ in Power – Read Mark 9:14-29

- A. What do you think is the connection between Jesus' transfiguration and this specific healing?
- B. List all the different ways in which the seriousness of this demon possession is described?
- C. How is the father's comment, "*I believe; help my unbelief!*" a declaration of faith? As you compare him with the disciples, how is there faith shown to be lacking?
- D. Why do you think Jesus ends this section by saying, "*This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer?*" What is the connection between prayer and faith?

III. Supremacy of Christ in Our Lives – Application

- A. As you think through the transfiguration and the healing of the boy with an unclean spirit, how is the supremacy of Christ highlighted in each of these passages?
- B. In what areas of your life are you prone to be more dependent on yourself than on God?
- C. How is your prayer life an indicator of your dependency on God?
- D. When are you most tempted to think more about the quantity or quality of your faith than the object of your faith? What would be some helpful reminders to keep your eyes fixed on Christ?