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A Glimpse Of His Glory

The Lord's disciples must have been stunned from the revelation of Christ that He would be put to death and rise again, (Mark **8:31**). On the heels of that stunning statement, Jesus called His followers to a life of total commitment. They had left every aspect of life as they knew it to follow Him. Jesus tells them that following Him is a costly business. He has given them the difficult side of being His follower.

As soon as Jesus tells His men that He is going to die, and as soon as He calls them to a life of total surrender; Jesus tells the assembled multitude that some of their number will actually see the kingdom of God coming in power before they die. He softens the blow of His earlier words with the promise that His followers will enjoy His glory in the near future (Mark 9:1). This precious passage in Mark 9:1 gives us a little glimpse of the glory we will see while we live here from time to time. He is taking the opportunity to encourage His discouraged and confused disciples.

First, let us look at the *blessings* that can be found in the account of our Lord's transfiguration (Mark 9:2). This passage opens with the mention of a mountain. We are not told what mountain it is, but most scholars believe that it is Mount Hermon. This mountain rises some 9,200 feet above sea level. It is some twelve miles north of Caesarea-Philippi, and is near the place Jesus has been ministering. Mountains occupy a special place in the Word of God.

It was on a mountain called Moriah that God manifested His grace to Abraham when he willingly would have offered up his son Isaac, Geneses 22.

It was on Mount Sinai that God handed down His Law to Moses, Exodus 19:3.

It was on Mount Carmel that God demonstrated His power to Israel through Elijah, 1 Kings 18.

It was on Mount Horeb that God ministered peace to the troubled heart of Elijah, 1 Kings 19.

It was on Mount Calvary that Jesus died for our sins on the cross, John 19.

It was from the Mount of Olives that Jesus ascended back into His heavenly glory, Acts 1:9-11.

Mountains occupy a special place in our own lives as well. The Lord sets aside a few mountain top experiences along the way for you and me. We have our valleys, our hardships, our sufferings, our sicknesses and our problems; but I praise God for the mountain tops of life. I am glad there are a few places along the way where we are allowed to see His glory and His power! We should all praise the Lord for those times when He has lead us into a *“high mountain”*.

Every now and then we are blessed with a mountain top experience. We ought to enjoy them for all they are worth! When Jesus and His men came down from the mountain, they ran directly into the devil and his work, Mark **9:14-29**. But, these men who were with Jesus on the mountain never got over what they experienced there, **2 Pet. 1:16-18**, **“For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.”**

We should thank Him for the times we are allowed to spend on the mountains of joy and comfort with the Spirit of God. May it be often! ***“Think About It”***

