

On the Mountain - Luke 9:28-36
First Southern Baptist Church - December 22, 2021

Introduction

What does it mean?

1. It Happened During Prayer (the occasion)

Stranger to prayer?

-stranger to revelation

-stranger to power

An accident?

“Retreats”

2. The Saints of Old were There (the meeting)

A. Moses and Elijah

Moses - law

Elijah - prophets

B. Appearance was gleaming - transfigured (changed)

-transformed

-metamorphosed

-changed

Like angels after resurrection

Like Moses after mountain

C. They were engulfed in a cloud

-like reported between the Cherubim at altar

-mystery = hidden

-God removed

-on Holy of Holies

-Pillar of Cloud

-on the Mount with Moses

D. They heard the voice of God

-this is my son

A meeting

Law (Moses)

Prophets (Elijah)

!!). Law and the Prophets

-the continuity of God's work on earth

3. Their Words were Priceless (the discussion)

A. Departure - Exodus

Words for death in the New Testament:

Death - “*thanatos*”

“*Ekbasis*” - going out as departure (Heb. 13:7)

“*Aphixis*” - departing (Acts 20:29)

“*Analusis*” - loosening anchor (2 Tim. 4:6)

-the time of my departure is at hand

“*Analsai*” - depart (Phil. 1:23)

Here - departure or “*exodon*”= Exodus

Why choose this word? - fitting with a new Exodus/ a new reality

B. The crucifixion is the pivotal event of history

-the new Exodus

Old Testament - freed - new land and a new life

New Testament - freed - new life

4. Their Eyes were Opened (the great reality)

A. The great reality

-not something new

-got to see what was there, all along

!!). What is “real?”

B. Their eyes were opened

-their minds were informed

-they had an experience with God

C. It's amazing what you can learn in a cloud?

Irony - in dark clouds can learn more about Jesus

*Means if you're in a cloud stand to learn much

5. And When they Left... (the result)

A. Before they left - Peter wants to stay

I can identify - maybe:

1) Peter thought God was on the mountain

2) Peter thought he could remain closer to God on a mountain -removed

3) Wants to live there

Some of us want to stay at church - find out, at church its just as bad

Some want to go into ministry - withdrawn, remain close

Better way - the vision we find on the mount or in services... affects the day to day

B. They were changed - We are forever changed!

Experiences with God

People who have them are changed!

Can't be with God and remain the way you are -

Testimony

-I've seen God work - I know what He can do

-I've been in His presence

I'm not the same

Lose fear

Gain hope

Leave with faith

Leave with love