

# THE KING OF GLORY

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# DIGGING DEEPER – MARK 9

## HIS WONDER

The word transfiguration in Greek is *metamorphoo*, from which we get our word metamorphosis, a change into another form, to transform, to transfigure; here from a natural form to a supernatural form. It describes a change on the outside that comes from the inside, and serves as a preview of the full establishment of the kingdom of God at Jesus' return. This transfiguration was a change that began with what was already in the heart of Jesus rather than by some outside force, and His essential glory was revealed.

Peter and the others were totally awestruck. At such an awesome moment which we don't understand, it is best not to say anything. But poor Peter was so blown away, he couldn't help himself. How should **Psalm 141:3** be part of our prayer to the Lord in view of our tendency to speak when we shouldn't?

God warned Peter (and us today) to "hear Him" or listen to His beloved Son. That phrasing is a present imperative, speaking of continuous action: "Be constantly hearing Him." The verb "hear," *akouo*, in this context does not merely refer to the act of hearing, in the sense of listening to, but to the act of obeying what is heard in response; so we need to be constantly listening to Him and obeying what He asks of us. How did all of this fulfill the prophecy of **Deuteronomy 18:15-22**, and how did Peter himself use this experience in **2 Peter 1:16-19**?

## OUR WEAKNESS

The father's honest response to Jesus was immediate, laden with emotion; in fact the term cried out means an inarticulate cry, as though he couldn't get the words out, but honestly asked Jesus to help his unbelief. That was all Jesus needed to hear. From this desperate father we learn that we could have all the faith in the world but if it is misplaced it will do no good, but weak faith placed in the One who can respond is all God needs, and He'll take care of the rest. How does **Luke 17:5-6** tie in with this?

We look at these disciples and wonder why they didn't get these things. Jesus had to repeatedly teach them the same lessons over and over; He gave them the same repeated guidance and forewarning about His coming death, yet it was a shock to them. This also sounds a bit familiar to those of us who needed the same help of Jesus to overcome our doubts and confusion. What would Peter, who seemed most frequently to need such redirection, later say about why we need this repetition in our spiritual life and learning (**2 Peter 1:12-15**; **2 Peter 3:1-2**)?