

## Mark 9

King James Version (KJV)

**9** And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power. (At Jesus' resurrection, His kingdom was established forever; through the New Covenant of God with man. The Bible calls this the New Testament. A covenant is a contract) See 1 Peter-3:18-19 (While he was in the tomb 3 days, Jesus went into the gulf and freed all the souls who repented and believed on Him)

<sup>2</sup>And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. (Jesus was in His spiritual body. This happened on the Mount of Olives; where Jesus would later ascend into heaven; and where He will return at the 7<sup>th</sup> trump)

<sup>3</sup>And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. (People have described seeing angels in this fashion as well) (This was a foretelling of Jesus' coming resurrection)

<sup>4</sup>And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. (Many people believe these will be the 2 witnesses in the end days) (The prophet, the lawgiver, and God)

<sup>5</sup>And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

<sup>6</sup>For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. (Peter was rambling because he was having trouble dealing with what he was seeing)

<sup>7</sup>And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. (My begotten – translated son; Jesus is God in the flesh; one God, many offices)

<sup>8</sup>And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

<sup>9</sup> And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. (This was to document Jesus' resurrection before hand, so that they would remember and understand when the resurrection did happen)

<sup>10</sup> And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean. (No one is dead yet. Death will come to those that fail at the great judgment, after the Millennium)

<sup>11</sup> And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come? Malachi-4:5 (Scholars believe this is the spirit of Elijah in John the Baptist) see Mathew-11:14

(I believe it is also a prophecy for the end times when Elijah return as one of the two witnesses that come before Jesus returns. They will witness against antichrist and will be killed by him. When they resurrect, 3 days later, Jesus returns)

<sup>12</sup> And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought. Malachi-4, Psalm-22, Isaiah-53,

<sup>13</sup> But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

<sup>14</sup> And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. (They are looking to entrap Jesus)

<sup>15</sup> And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

<sup>16</sup> And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?

<sup>17</sup> And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

<sup>18</sup> And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. (They

didn't have the faith strong enough. Jesus had given them the power to heal the sick and cast out demons)

<sup>19</sup> He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

<sup>20</sup> And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. (This is a particularly evil spirit)

<sup>21</sup> And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. (He was like this all his life)

<sup>22</sup> And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. (The boy was possessed by Satan or one of his fallen angels) (The man doubts a little)

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. (Faith; God wants us to have faith in Him)

<sup>24</sup> And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. (The man was asking God to strengthen his faith; like we should ask God for strength to overcome our weaknesses)

<sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. (Jesus isn't asking; HE is ordering the evil spirit out)

<sup>26</sup> And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. (The evil spirit really hurt the boy, but he had no choice but to obey God)

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. (Jesus strengthened him)

<sup>28</sup> And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

<sup>29</sup> And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting. (Prayer brings faith. Fasting – on a spiritual basis, there is a famine today; it's not for bread but for hearing the true

Word of God, unchanged, without the traditions on men) see Amos-8:11, also see Mathew-17:15-21

<sup>30</sup> And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it. (It wasn't time yet)

<sup>31</sup> For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. (Jesus is preparing His disciples for what is to come. HE just told them exactly what will happen. If they had read Psalms-22, they would have known all of this)

<sup>32</sup> But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him. (They may have thought that they could protect Jesus. This would have been going against God's plan)

<sup>33</sup> And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?

<sup>34</sup> But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. (Ego problems)

<sup>35</sup> And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. (The most humble will be the greatest in God's eyes. The most humble is willing to help others to find their spirituality in God's Word. That is all that matters to God)

<sup>36</sup> And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

<sup>37</sup> Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. (Jesus is God in the flesh; God sent Himself as a man into the world, but a man no less; God in heaven is the true nature of Himself; if we receive and help the innocent, we receive God)

(People called Jesus the Son of God. HE called Himself the Son of man, because He was God in the flesh; not God's son, but His begotten through Mary. See Genesis – "Let us make man in our image" – God made Jesus in His image; we made our flesh bodies in our image)

<sup>38</sup> And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him,

because he followeth not us. (He was following Jesus; he who follows man will fail; he who follows God will succeed)

<sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. (This isn't an exclusive club. All who believe in Jesus and do God's work are Christians and are included)

<sup>40</sup> For he that is not against us is on our part. (This man was doing God's work, in the name of Jesus. They should have received him, and not shunned him. Obviously, this man was a strong believer in Jesus or he could not have done anything in His name)

<sup>41</sup> For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward. (That's what matters)

<sup>42</sup> And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. (Because he may have driven a soul away from God and salvation; killing a soul is far worse than killing a flesh body)

<sup>43</sup> And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: (Obviously, God isn't telling people to maim themselves. In the previous verse Jesus just said not to offend and drive away believers in God. This verse refers to a church or ministry or Bible study group. If there is a member not following God, but the traditions of men, get rid of that person, before he corrupts the entire group. This is like the teaching of the fragments that they collected after Jesus fed the group of people in the desert)

<sup>44</sup> Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. (The word hell in verse 42 is really Gehenna – the garbage pit outside of Jerusalem, where dead animals were tossed to burn and rot. The pit smoldered and burned day and night. Jesus is using it as a symbol of hell which is the death of the soul)

<sup>45</sup> And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: (Again, like the example of verse 43; hands do the work, feet spread the word. Do not work God's work with people who change, add to, or pervert the Word of God)

<sup>46</sup> Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

<sup>47</sup> And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: (Again, like the example of verse 43; hands do the work, feet spread the word, the eye sees – this would be a false prophet) (Anyone who claims to be a prophet after Jesus, is a fake. Jesus said – Behold, I have told you all thing) (Example – Mohammad <muslims>, John Smith <Mormons>, and many other cult leaders who claim to be prophets)

<sup>48</sup> Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

<sup>49</sup> For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. See Leviticus-2:13

<sup>50</sup> Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another. (Stale salt loses its taste; it becomes worthless. A Christian that will not proudly profess his faith or helps someone who asks regarding the Word of God is worthless. If you can't stand for something, then you stand for nothing)