The Gospel of Mark-Christ the Servant

- Lesson 18 -	
Mark 9:1-29	Your Personal Notes:
1."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.	
2.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.	
3.And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.	
4. And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.	
5.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.	
6.For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.	
7. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.	
8.And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.	
9.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.	
10. And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.	
11. And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come?	
12. 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.	
13.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.	
14.And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.	
15.And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.	
16. And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?	
17.And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;	
18.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.	
19.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.	
20.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.	
21. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.	
22. And ofttimes 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.	
23.Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.	
24.And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.	
25. 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.	
26 And the spirit cried, and rept him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one	

could not we cast him out?
29.And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

28. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why

27.But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

Spurgeon's Notes on Mark

- **9:5** Peter had enough wit left to wish to stay where he was; and, sometimes, when we are with our Lord "in the mount" we can only say the same.
- **9:8** Moses is gone and Elijah is gone, but Jesus remains. And it is much the same with us now, and we are content that all others should go that we may have only Jesus.
- **9:9** All this glory and only three men to see it, and these three must be silent about it "till the Son of man were risen from the dead."
- **9:12** Notice that even when our Savior was answering his disciples' question about Elijah and John the Baptist, he introduced into that answer something about his own death. That subject was always before his eyes—he never forgot it
- **9:15** I think there must be some truth in the common traditions that the face of our Lord Jesus still shone with the light of the transfiguration. Surely it was not an amazement at the mere fact of seeing him whom they had so often seen. But his face, I don't doubt, glowed as the face of Moses did when he came down from the mount. There is an attractive glory about Christ.
- **9:17** There is no case so bad that if we bring it to Jesus, he cannot meet it.
- 9:19 I suppose our Lord's rebuke was meant especially for his disciples. Christ does not speak as if he were tired of his life and wished to get away from his disciples, but this is his way of saying how disappointed he is that these leaners have learned so little. Unbelief is a great trouble to Christ. I never read that he said to the poor or to the sick, "how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you?" I never read that he expressed any weariness of human ignorance, or scarcely even of human sin, but when it is a matter of *unbelief*, then it stings him, and he cries, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you?" Often he must derive more pain than pleasure from communion with many of his people. How grieved he must often be to see their slowness to learn, their readiness to forget, and the difficulty with which they can be brought to live the lessons he so carefully imparts to them.
- **9:22** The father identified himself with his child. When fathers and mothers pray, they should use the plural, as this man did. That is the way to pray for every sinner we bring before Christ. We must join ourselves to the poor soul for whom we are pleading.
- **9:23** In verse 22 the man said, "if thou canst do any thing." Even though it was almost covered up, the Savior still fastened on the one utterance of unbelief. Jesus replies in verse 23, "if thou canst?" Jesus said to him, "all things are possible to him that believeth." It is not "if *I* can" but "if *you* can."
- **9:24** Here was faith, even though it was mixed with unbelief. It was a faith that made him pray, and the Lord Jesus Christ found that faith.
- **9:26** The devil knew he had to go out, so like a bad tenant, he did all the mischief he could before he left. Satan often acts in this fashion--just when Christ has come to cast him out, he drives the poor soul into deeper despair and, perhaps, into greater sin than he ever fell into in all his life.
- **9:28** Faith alone will not accomplish everything. Faith must be accompanied by prayer, and prayer must be, at least sometimes in special cases, attended with fasting.