

“ON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN”

INTRODUCTION

- A. **2nd Peter 1:16-18**
- B. **Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36**

I. MEN SPEAK WITHOUT THOUGHT

- A. **Luke 9:33; Mark 9:5-6**
Peter didn't know what to say or what he did say.
- B. **Colossians 4:6**
We must learn what to say.
- C. **James 1:19**
We need slow tongues.

II. GOOD INTENTIONS MAY DISPLEASE THE LORD

- A. **Matthew 17:4-6**
Clearly, Peter had nothing but good intentions on this occasion, desiring to honor each of the great men who appeared. Yet, God did not accept his good intentions. What he desired to do was not the Lord's will.
- B. **Genesis 4:1-5**
Similarly, Cain worshipped God, but was rejected. Not all religious service is pleasing to Him.
- C. **2nd Samuel 7:1-7**
David had the good intention of building the Temple of the Jews, but God had other plans.
- D. **1st Samuel 15:22**
God would rather we simply do as He says.

III. CHRIST'S DEATH WAS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT

A. Luke 9:30-31

Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, each of whose departures from this earth were unique. Moses was buried by God in an unknown location (Deuteronomy 34:5-6; Jude 9), and without dying Elijah was taken up into heaven by a whirlwind (2nd Kings 2:11). The subject of conversation between Moses, Elijah, and Jesus was the latter's imminent death, which was regarded as a thing to be accomplished or fulfilled.

B. John 10:17-18

Christ's death was no accident. He wasn't the victim of fate. He went willingly to the cross.

C. Luke 18:31-34

Prior to His death, Christ spoke of it in some detail. He knew what He was doing.

D. Colossians 1:21-22

His death accomplished our reconciliation with God.

E. Romans 6:9-10

His death accomplished our salvation from sin.

IV. CHRIST WAS GLORIFIED BY GOD THE FATHER

A. 2nd Peter 1:17

Christ was glorified that day by the voice of heaven.

B. John 13:31-32; 17:1-5

Christ foresaw His imminent death as a source of glory.

C. Philippians 2:9-11

Since His death on the cross, Christ has been glorified by God.

V. CHRIST PLEASSED THE FATHER

A. Matthew 17:5

God said so on this occasion.

B. Matthew 3:16-17

He said so earlier when Jesus was baptized.

C. John 8:29

God's pleasure in Christ was not arbitrary. Jesus did what the Father wanted. So must we.

D. Romans 8:6-8; Hebrews 11:6

To please God, we must be spiritually minded, not fleshly minded, and we must have faith.

VI. CHRIST MUST BE HEARD

A. Mark 9:7

God orders us to hear Christ.

B. Mark 7:16

So many times, Jesus said, *"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"*

C. Acts 3:22-23

According to Peter, the prophecy of Moses concerning the mighty prophet applies to Christ Himself, whom we are to hear. If we fail to do so, we will be punished.

D. Hebrews 4:2

Of course, what we hear from Him must be obeyed to be of any value.

VII. CHRIST IS SUPERIOR TO THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

A. Matthew 17:3-5

Moses was the one who gave God's law to Israel. Elijah was a major prophet of the Old Testament era. These two men embodied *"the law and the prophets"*. They were taken away and Christ stood alone because He is superior.

B. Matthew 5:17

Jesus said that He came to fulfill the law and the prophets.

C. Luke 16:16

With the coming of Christ's predecessor John, the law and the prophets began to fade away as Christ was about to fulfill them.