

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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“They saw no man, save Jesus only”

Matthew 17: 8

It is very interesting terminology used in the description of the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ following the audible speaking of the Almighty Father at the occurrence of what has been described as the “Transfiguration.”

“SAVE Jesus only;” the word SAVE used in this particular text is unique in itself as it expresses in the translation the defined term “except” or “but.” They saw no man “EXCEPT” Jesus. For God the Father had divinely REMOVED Moses and Elijah from the scene, eliminating the one of whom the Law and Commandments (Moses) had been delivered, and the representative of the Prophets (Elijah).

Peter, limited in his understanding of Christ’s paramount deity on this occasion was attempting to put Christ on the same level as the “Law and the Prophets”. As he said, “let us make three tabernacles.” The Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ WILL NOT have ANY to be equal to the Sonship and deity of His beloved Son. As the Father spoke, saying, “this is my beloved Son, of whom I am well pleased, HEAR YE HIM” (Matt.17: 5). This demonstration of the Almighty causing the disciples to fall upon their faces as His voice spoke, revealed the awesome power and decreed command of God that NONE other shall be compared to His Son. We that have the revelation of the New Testament, the New Covenant are NOT under the former Laws and commands as was given Israel, nor looking for a Prophecy spoken of any apart from our Prophet, Priest and King Jesus Christ, who has promised to prepare a place for us which are blessed to believe and that he was coming again!

The manifestation of our Lord Jesus with Moses and Elijah served a couple divine purposes, one, it provided the determined supremacy of the beloved SON of God over the Law and Prophets by Father. And proved that the mortality of man shall take on immortality as Moses and Elijah were seen present with our Lord Jesus Christ, yea, after dying the death of the natural realm, WE SHALL BE RAISED AGAIN!

Oh! how I love to use this text in attempting to preach the everlasting gospel of our Jesus Christ! How clear and revealing that the Law and Prophets are fulfilled in the manifestation of Christ, for being found IN HIM, ALL the demands of the legal system and all the prophecies foretelling HIS birth, ministry, crucifixion, death, burial, and glorious resurrection have been fulfilled and divinely come to pass.

“And now being found in HIM not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that (righteousness) that is through the FAITH of CHRIST, the righteousness which is of God by faith” (Phil. 3:9). Yes, beloved of God, it is truly GOOD NEWS to hear the glorious message of Christ SUFFICIENCY in ALL things, especially regarding righteousness. God the Father has reckoned us RIGHTEOUS through the vicarious sacrificial shedding of His Son’s own blood, yea, even God’s blood, deities blood flowed from Emanuel’s veins paying the ultimate atoning price for ALL the sin of God’s elect family throughout the ages of time and eternity.

*“Lamb of God we fall before thee,
humbly trusting in thy cross;
that alone be all our glory;
all things else are dung and dross;
Thee we own a perfect Saviour,
Only source of all that’s good:
Every grace and every favor
Comes to us through Jesus blood.*

*Jesus gives us true repentance,
By his Spirit sent from heaven;
Jesus whispers this sweet sentence,
Son, thy sins are all forgiven.
Faith he gives us to believe it;
Grateful hearts his love to prize;
Want we wisdom? He must give it;
Hearing ears and seeing eyes”*

(Verses 1 & 2 Gadsby #180)

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