

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Powerless"
Luke 9:37-43
Study-39

The Transfiguration By **Raphael** Great Italian Artist (1483 –1520)

This account is recorded **three times: Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43**

Luke 9:1-50 Conclusion Of Jesus' Galilean Ministry

Thought Of Our Passage: "Spiritual Power Is Derived From A Growing Faith Through His Word, Prayer And Practice"

1. Verses 37-39 The Desperate

2. Verses 40-41 The Defeated

3. Verses 41-43 The Divine

1. Verses 37-39 The Desperate

Luke 9:37 On the next day, (Context) Jesus took Peter James, and John up the mountain and was transfigured before them. The veil of His flesh was pulled back for a moment revealing His Deity. **Luke 9:35-36**

Years later Peter said the following words - 2 Peter 1:16-17

On the next day, (After The Transfiguration) when they came down from the mountain, Disciples came down from their mountain top experience with Jesus. Deuteronomy 11:11-12

Luke reveals that the glory of Jesus shines in the darkness of the valleys of life! (Luke's account is half the size of Mark's Gospel)

a large crowd met Him. Mark 9:14 some scribes arguing with them.

Scribes – were formed in the time of Ezra who himself was a scribe. Scribes were the professional expounders of the law. Called **lawyers**, (Experts of the Law) they knew the Scriptures resulting from copying and duplicating them.

What Was The Argument Over? - Luke 9:40 "I begged Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not." The powerlessness disciples to cast out a demon!

(Note) Moses came down from the mountain only to find Israel in chaos. **Exodus 32:19**

Mark 9:15 when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed, *"struck with amazement, out of their minds"*

Luke 9:38 A Father Came To Jesus: And a man from the crowd shouted, saying, "Teacher, Matthew 17:15 "Lord, have mercy on my son,

A Father Came In Desperation: I beg You He came as a broken man, in great need.

A Father Came In Humility: Matthew 17:14 falling on his knees before Him

to look at my son, the words **look at** – used in **Luke 1:48** *"the Magnificat of God's mercy on the afflicted"*

for he is my only boy, A father with his only son. **Luke 8:42** Jairus only daughter

How The Heart Of Jesus Goes Out In Compassion To All That Hurt And Humbly Come To Him: Psalm 34:18; Psalm 50:15

Luke 9:39 and a spirit seizes him, *"seizes him down"* Our word catalepsy is this same word.

(We use the term "**Demon possessed**" or "**Possessed**" The most accurate term would be *"Demonization or Demonized"* It is *under the influence of one or more evil spirits.*)

Matthew 12:43-45; 1 John 4:4 greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

Don't base doctrine off experience then find Scripture to support it. Base doctrine on the Word of God and let experience fall where it may.

Mark 9:18 it dashes him to the ground *"dashes down"* It was not the boy but the demon.

he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, *"to squeak, make a shrill cry, to gnash or grind one's teeth."*

and stiffens out. (KJV) Pineth away Old word for *"drying or withering as of grass in a field"*

Luke 9:39 and he suddenly screams, This out of place screams coming from this boy.

and it throws him into a convulsion with foaming at the mouth,

and only with difficulty does it leave him, mauling him as it leaves.

The demon would leave the child beat and bruised. **Mark 9:25 "You deaf and mute spirit,**

2. Verses 40-41 The Defeated

Luke 9:40 "I begged – "to request to beg to pray" Your disciples the remaining nine disciples, Peter, James and John had been with Jesus on the mountain.

they could not." Great things are expected from those that belong to Jesus.

Notice it was the disciples that the father went to, not the Scribes.

Something Went Really Wrong Here! Luke 9:1

Luke 9:41 "You Which is a deep emotional expression.

unbelieving "*disbelieving, unwilling to believe*"

and perverted generation, "*to distort, to be cooked, warped, misinterpret, morally corrupt, to turn away*" (**Song of Moses**)

Deuteronomy 32:5

how long shall I be with you? He has spent about two years with, and has spoken to them as to who he was.

Moses said a similar statement over the complaints of ungrateful Israel: Numbers 14:27

3. Verses 41-43 The Divine

Luke 9:41 Bring your son here." (God's Answer to "Unbelief" and "Perversion" is to come to Jesus!)

Luke 9:42 the demon slammed him to the ground and threw him into a convulsion. This shows the rebellion and hatred of Satan for God and his authority.

Mark 9:21 And he said, "From childhood. Satan starts working and taking possession when children are young.

Mark 9:22-27

Luke 9:42 But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, 8:24 and rebuked the wind

and gave him back to his father. How tender this scene is

Luke 9:43 Only Luke Records The Summary Response Of The Crowd: And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. "*the crowd was astonished at the majestic power of God*" same word as 2 Peter 1:16 His majesty.

"This outcome should be our goal to all ministry, that God would receive the glory, God be magnified!"

Mark 9:28

Jesus Gives 3 Reasons Why The Disciples Lacked The Vitality:

1. Lack of Faith (Word) - Luke 9:41 "You unbelieving; Matthew 17:20; Romans 10:17 They had too much faith in themselves, too little in Jesus.

2. Lack of Prayer (Power) – Mark 9:29 "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer."

The lack of faith shut their prayers down. They thought they could handle it. And then this is so important.

The faith which will be effectual must be a faith exercised in prayer.

3. Lack of Fasting (Practice/Application in our devotional life) - Spiritual Discipline **Matthew 17:21**

Application:

1. Powerless Is A Result Of A Lack of Faith (Word)
2. Powerless Is A Result Of A Lack of Prayer (Power)
3. Powerless Is A Result Of A Lack of Fasting (Practice in devotional life)