

Amazed at the Majesty of God

Luke 9:37–45

Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him. Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, “Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child. And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him. So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, “Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men.” But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

Main Point

All spiritual life and power comes from God.

I. Introduction

- A. The miracles recorded in Scripture are not randomly selected. They are intentionally selected to demonstrate a unique point within the specific part of that particular Gospel.
- B. Jesus demonstrated His glory on the Mount of Transfiguration (9:28–36) while at the same time the disciples left below were apparently unable to perform certain miracles, such as the one before us in the next paragraph (9:40).
- C. Luke now shows Theophilus that Jesus demonstrated His powerful authority over all demons which would authenticate his power and authority (and success) on the cross.

II. Exposition

- A. Jesus’ Power Over Demons
 - 1. The Problem
 - a) Boy with both a physical and spiritual problem:
 - (1) Epilepsy
 - (2) Demon
 - b) Disciples unable to cast out the demon
 - (1) Luke does not give the reason.

(2) Jesus condemns them, suggesting that they *should* have been able to cast out the demon but perhaps because of pride were unable to do so.

(3) Jesus condemned the disciples as “faithless” and “perverse.”

2. The Solution

a) The demons sought to destroy the boy before the Messiah.

b) Jesus exercises authority over the demon and heals the boy of both maladies.

3. The Reaction—*Amazed at the majesty of God*

B. Jesus’ Promise of Death

1. Jesus often spoke in no uncertain terms of His impending betrayal and death.

2. The disciples were *unable* to understand the saying because it had been *hidden* from them.

3. God often hides truths from people to—

a) Condemn (e.g., parables)

b) Prepare

c) Explain

III. Truths

A. True faith rests in the power of God.

B. True faith properly sees the majesty of God.

C. True faith comes only through the enablement of God.