

LESSON 12
 THE TRANSFIGURATION
 JUNE 17, 2020

Jesus foretells His death
 Matthew 16:21-28; Mark 8:31-9:1; Luke 9:22-27

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"From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day."
 (Matthew 16:21)

"He was stating the matter plainly." (Mark 8:31-32; cf. John 10:24; 18:20)

Do I? (Ephesians 6:19; Philippians 1:20)

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Jesus begins to inform His disciples of what's to come. Jesus once said, *"My hour has not yet come"* (John 2:4), and later, *"My time has not fully come"* (John 7:8) but He is now clearly saying the hour is coming. (cf. John 17:1).

The first of three proclamations:

1. Matthew 16:21 (general)
2. Matthew 17:22-23 (adds the aspect of a betrayal (κβν))
3. Matthew 20:17-19 (adds the mocking and scourging)

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Peter's response:

"Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You.'" (Matthew 16:22)

"Took Him aside" - Peter took Jesus to himself.

- *"Rebuke"* - "to tax with fault, chide, rebuke, reprove ... censure severely" ^(Thayer).

"Began to rebuke Him" - Peter wasn't allowed to finish his thought.

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"God forbid ... Lord!" -

Only other use of this Greek word in Hebrews 8:12, *"For I will be merciful to their iniquities ..."*

- It means *"propitious; adverbially (by Hebraism) God be gracious!, i.e. (in averting some calamity) far be it."* (Strong)

"This shall never happen to You." (cf. James 4:16)

- So Peter is now telling the Son of God what is, and is not, going to happen? (Isaiah 55:6-9)

JESUS' RESPONSE TO PETER

"GET BEHIND ME, SATAN! YOU ARE A STUMBLING BLOCK TO ME; FOR YOU ARE NOT SETTING YOUR MIND ON GOD'S INTERESTS, BUT MAN'S." (MATTHEW 16:23)

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1. ***“Get behind Me”*** - Same word used in the following verse (24), ***“If anyone wishes to come after Me ...”***
(cf. Matthew 4:19; Acts 20:30; 2 Peter 2:10)
 - Compare to Jonah chapter 4 in which Jonah “ran ahead” of God for pardoning the Ninevites.
 - Our place is ***“behind”*** the Lord, not out in front of Him.

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2. ***“Satan”*** - means “an adversary” (Strong) of both God and man. (Mark 4:15)
 - Why would Jesus use such a name for Peter?
 - Peter was acting in an adversarial manner to the plans of God. How so?
 - Who’s will would be done if Peter’s desire came to pass?
 - Do Peter’s motives or intentions matter?
 - We see here of the ***“schemes of the devil.”*** (Ephesians 6:11)

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3. ***“You are a stumbling block to Me”***
(1 Corinthians 1:23; cf. Matthew 18:7; Luke 17:1-2)
 - By definition: “originally was ‘the name of the part of a trap to which the bait is attached, hence, the trap or snare itself’” (Vine)
 - Could Jesus have stumbled? (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15)
 - Romans 14:13, ***“... rather determine this - not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother’s way.”***

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4. ***“For you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”***
 - Refers to a mental disposition, or “mindset” towards the ***“things”*** of God or man. (Matthew 22:21; 2 Corinthians 4:16ff - note 5:6)
 - Jesus knew where Peter’s heart and affections were presently set. (John 2:25; cf. Luke 6:8; 9:47)
 - Anytime we employ a fleshly mindset in our service to God, we are an adversary to our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 3:12; Romans 8:5-8; Colossians 3:1-2; Philippians 3:18-19)