

Ch.17

The Transfiguration: Who is Jesus REALLY?

The One who is testified to in the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah).

- He's been authenticated, verified, and manifested.
- The One whom the Father reveals and proclaims.
- **** As we increasingly know the Son as revealed in the Law and the Prophets, we will hear more and more clearly from the Father that Jesus is the Christ.
- When they looked up, they saw only Jesus. If we see Jesus, we'll realize He's all we need.
- Our spirits will testify with His Spirit that He is Faithful and True.
- All that He did testified to Him being the fulfillment of the Law and Prophets.
- Don't tell anyone that He is the Christ until after He has been raised from the dead. **Because you haven't experienced the Sign (death and resurrection of the One), you won't know what you're talking about.**

Healing of a Boy with a Demon

- Disciples did not have the power.
- "O unbelieving and perverse generation..."
- It's not about you (17:4). It's about the King, the transfigured One!
- Failure was due to the lack of faith.
- **- Faith** involves knowing the will of God the Father – proclamation of the His Son!
- **- Faith** is asking for freedom and cleansing in the person of the Son.
- **- Faith** involves decreasing focus on earthly self and increasing in the mind of Christ and understanding His death and resurrection.
- **- Faith** is not blind faith; it is knowledge and understanding into the fullness of the Son of the Living God.

In the world but not of it

Temple Tax: **In the world but not of it** the temple is not God's temple since they are collecting duty and taxes from the Son of God

- faith does not excuse us from certain rules and regulations of this world
- "What do you think...?"
- We must acquiesce to earthly authorities; this world's authority deals with money.
- Jesus is exposing the tax collection system with a distinction created by them collecting from Him. They were not of God's house because they were collecting from God's Son.
- We are not sons of the kings of this world, but since the King of kings was of the "others", we also are of the "others".

Discussion:

faith

Once again, what is **faith** and why do need it?

Galatians will expound the answer to greater depth but in a nutshell, consider this thought from Galatians 5:

6For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. (Don't forget to define love using 1 Cor.13 giving equal weight to every attribute in vss.4-8)