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Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

STEPPING FAITHFULLY INTO A NEW YEAR

Luke 9:37-45

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STEPPING FAITHFULLY INTO A NEW YEAR

Luke 9:37-45

What Happens Tomorrow?

I. **“The next day”** – A mountain top experience (*The Transfiguration*) is often followed by the valley experience (*demon possession*). (37)

- A. On the mountain, there was prayer – a spiritual renewal.
- B. In the valley, there were problems – a spiritual drought.
- C. On the mountain Jesus was transfigured before three disciples.
- D. In the valley the other nine disciples were in a spiritual battle.
- E. On the mountain, the disciples saw the glory of God.
- F. In the valley, the nine disciples were losing faith in God.

Facing the Challenges of Today.

II. Jesus along with Peter, John and James, **“came down”** ... to a large crowd. (37-43)

- A. The presenting need: a demon possessed son. (37-40)
 - 1. Father asks for help.
 - 2. The disciples could not drive out the demon.
- B. Jesus speaks to the crowd: (41)
 - 1. You are unbelieving and perverse.
 - 2. Staying with you and putting up with you is laborious.
 - 3. Bring your son here.
- C. Jesus solves the problem: (42-43)
 - 1. Rebukes the evil spirit
 - 2. Healed the boy
 - 3. Gave the boy back to his father.
 - 4. Result: People amazed at the ‘greatness of God.’

Establishing Foundational Yesterdays

III. Jesus teaches the disciples: (44-45)

- A. The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men.
- B. Disciples lacked understanding.
— Their lack of understanding (spiritual power) was due to their lack of faith. (Matthew 17:19-21)

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I Chronicles 16:23-31

P: ²³Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.

C: ²⁴**Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. ²⁵For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

P: ²⁶For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ²⁷Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. ²⁸Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength, ²⁹ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.

C: **Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. ³⁰Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.**

P: ³¹Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

*Hymn No. 567 *Another Year is Dawning* (Verses 1 & 3)

Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, Another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, Another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training For holier work above.
Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
On earth or else in heaven, Another year for Thee.

*Hymn No. 66 *To God Be the Glory* (Verses 1 & 3)

Verse 1

To God be the glory! Great things He hath done!
So lov'd He the world That He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life An atonement for sin,
And open'd the lifegate That all may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father Through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, Great things He hath done!

Verse 3

Great things He hath taught us, Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

Chorus

*Invocation
The Apostles Creed

We believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again
from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will
come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
The Anthem

