

# Gospel of Mark

10-15-23

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The Transfiguration  
by Raphael, c. 1520



for whoever touches  
you touches the  
apple of his eye

Zachariah 2:8

St. Mark, 1804, by Vladimir Borovikovsky  
Kazan Cathedral, Saint Petersburg

## Do YOU Believe?

9:24 Immediately the boy's father said,  
"I DO believe! Help thou MINE unbelief!"

A father asks Jesus in 9:24 some  
very HONEST & PROFOUND words

**I do believe!**

**Help thou MINE unbelief!**

THIS is something EVERY Parent & Grandparent KNOWS  
When they child SHRIEKS in pain ...

**THEY SHRIEK**

Good Parents ... all over the world ... when their child HURTS

**THEY HURT**

Call it a Parental LAW ... Ties that Bind ... Axiom of Love ...

But the GOOD Parent ... would whether THEY HURT than hear their

**Son/Daughter Shriek in PAIN**





8:27-30 Peter **Confesses** Christ at Caesarea Philippi

8:31-38 Jesus **Foretells** His DEATH 1st @ Caesarea Philippi

Mark 8 closed w Jesus foretelling His Death 1st Time  
@ Ceasarea Philippi ... deny yourself to Live

Mark 8:37 **“What can anyone exchange for their SOUL?”**

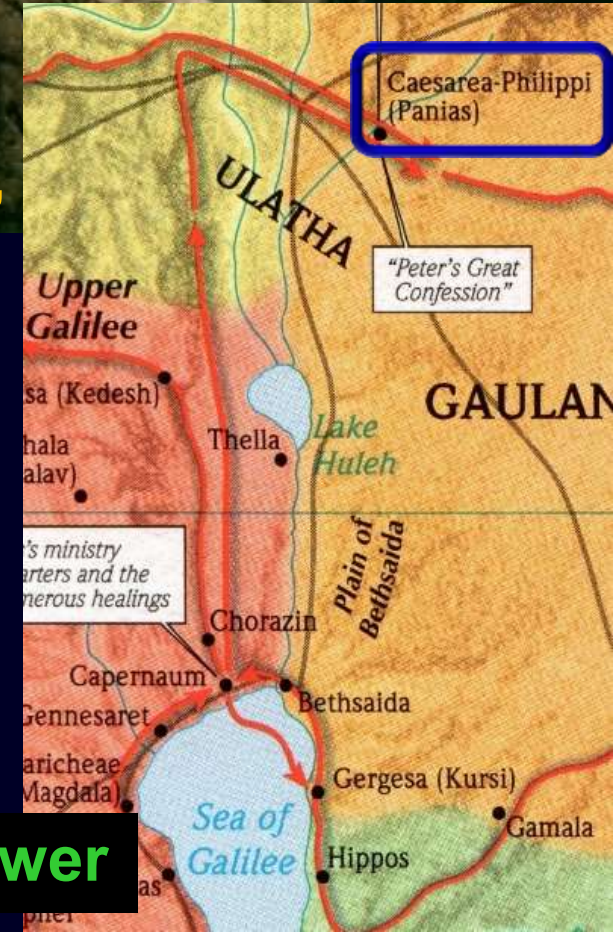
Mark 8:38 If anyone is ashamed of me & my words ...  
Son of Man will be ashamed of them when  
He comes in His Father's Glory with the Holy Angels.”

Mark 9:1 And he said to them, “Truly I tell you,  
some standing here will NOT taste death  
before they see that the Kingdom of God  
has come with power.”

Of course, 9:1 should follow 8:38 ... and close Mark 8

Mark 9:1 refers to Christ's Resurrection Kingdom

When Christ rose & ascended = Kingdom of God with Power



# Mark 9's Seven Episodes

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**“I do believe. Help thou MINE unbelief!”**

MUST BE CAREFUL here ... cause I kind of believe

You are NOT a mature Christian IF you *haven't* asked that question.

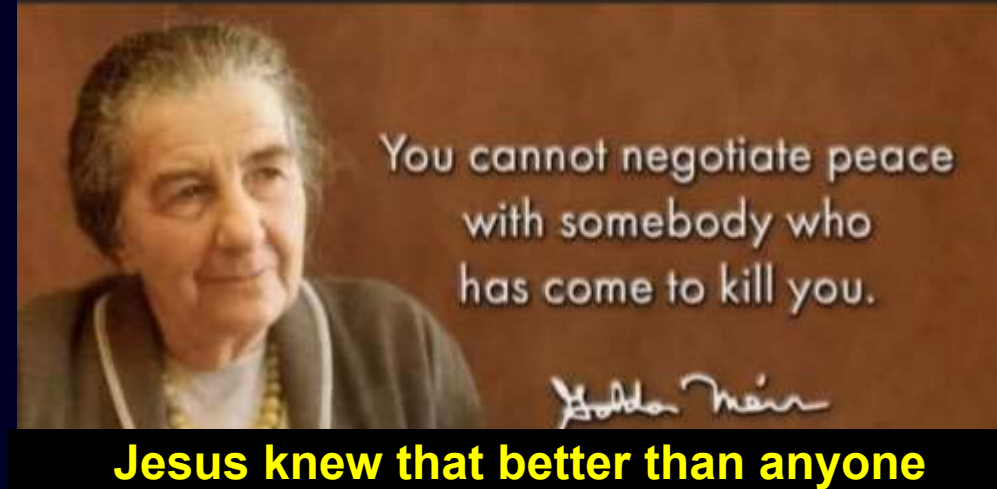
How can God allow EVIL? – Help thou MY unbelief?

I heard Hamas has BEHEADED children!! – Help thou MY unbelief?

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Who here has NOT said this many times this YEAR?

I can't believe IT? – cowardly men want to compete against women

I can't believe IT? – the EVIL of human trafficking ...

When BAD things happen to GOOD PEOPLE – Help thou my unbelief?

When an American *PRAISES* Hamas? – Help thou my unbelief?

Little CHILD *is* ... How Can GOD Allow? – Help thou my unbelief?

Of all the tragedies – struggles – pains – nightmares

**EVIL** tests our faith the **MOST**

We will *never* understand this side of **HEAVEN** ...

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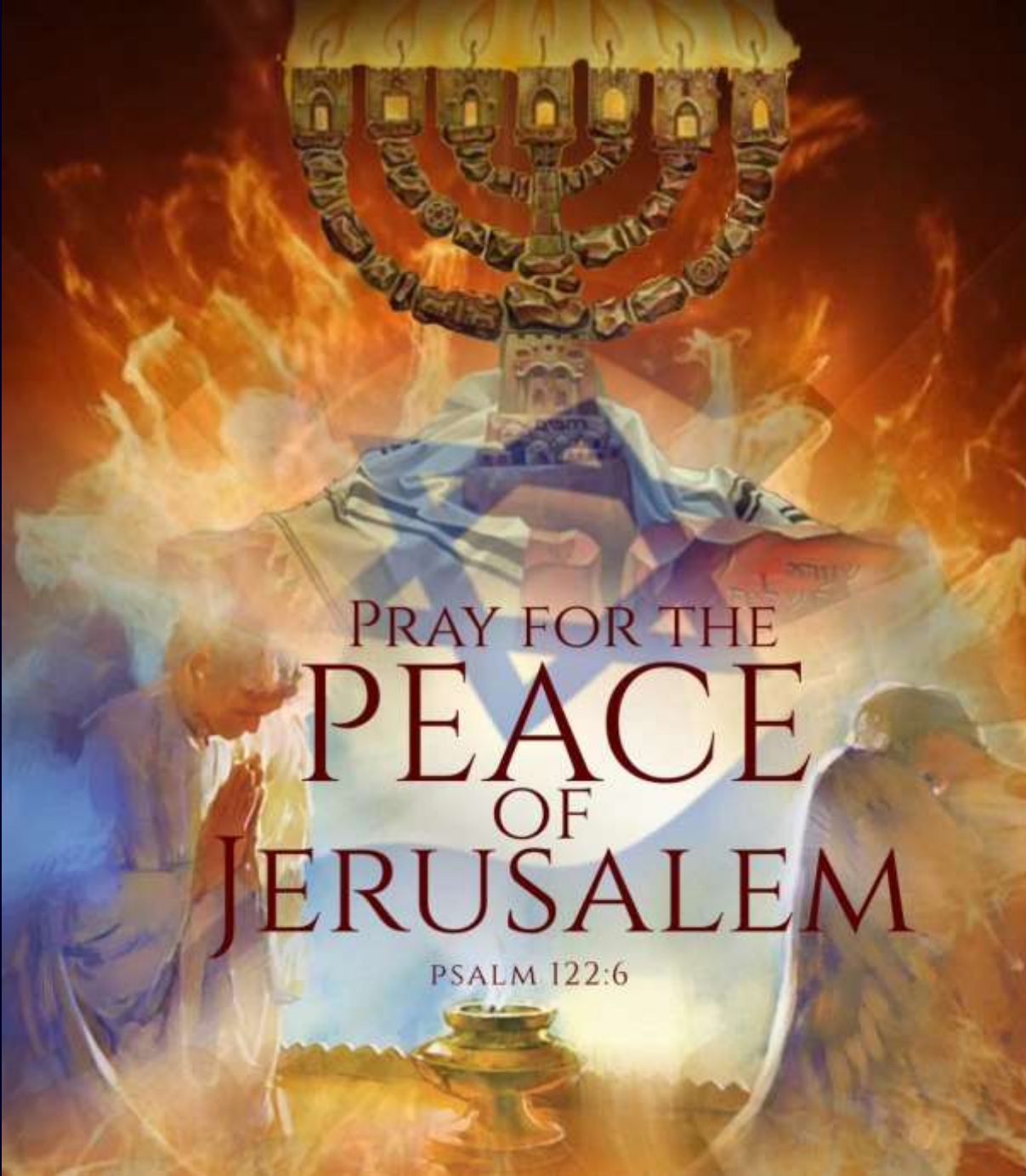
I would have you notice ...

This father believed in Christ and his power to save,  
though the child was at that **VERY MOMENT** passing thru a  
horrible stage of **PAIN** and **MISERY**.

Spirit ... was accustomed to throw him into the **FIRE** ... into the **WATER**.  
Just our condition—for **OUR SPIRIT** has sometimes been thrown into  
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and at another season into the floods of despair.

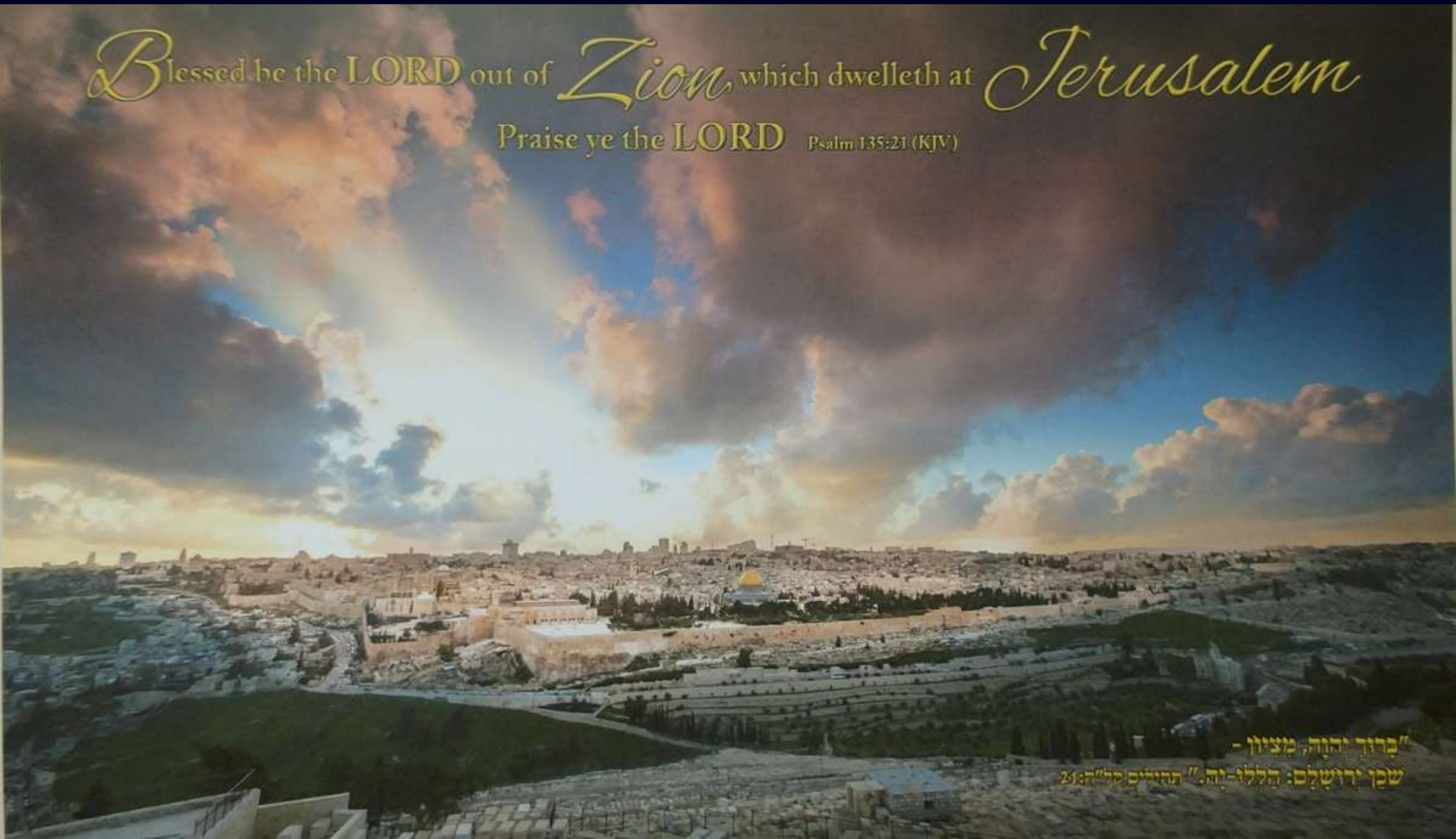








Blessed be the LORD out of *Zion*, which dwelleth at *Jerusalem*  
Praise ye the LORD Psalm 135:21 (KJV)



"ברוך יהוה, מוציון -  
שכן ירושלים: הללו-יהוה." תהילים קל"ה:21



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around Caesarea Philippi—*THEN*

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He was *transfigured* before them.



The Transfiguration of the Lord  
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*Transfigured* = Greek root our “Metamorphous” – change nature 4x

1st Mark 9:2    2nd Matthew 17:2 “He was *transfigured* before them”

3rd Romans 12:2 “but be *transformed* by the renewing of your mind”

4th 2 Cor 3:18 “We all ... are being *transformed* into his image”

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still around Caesarea Philippi ??

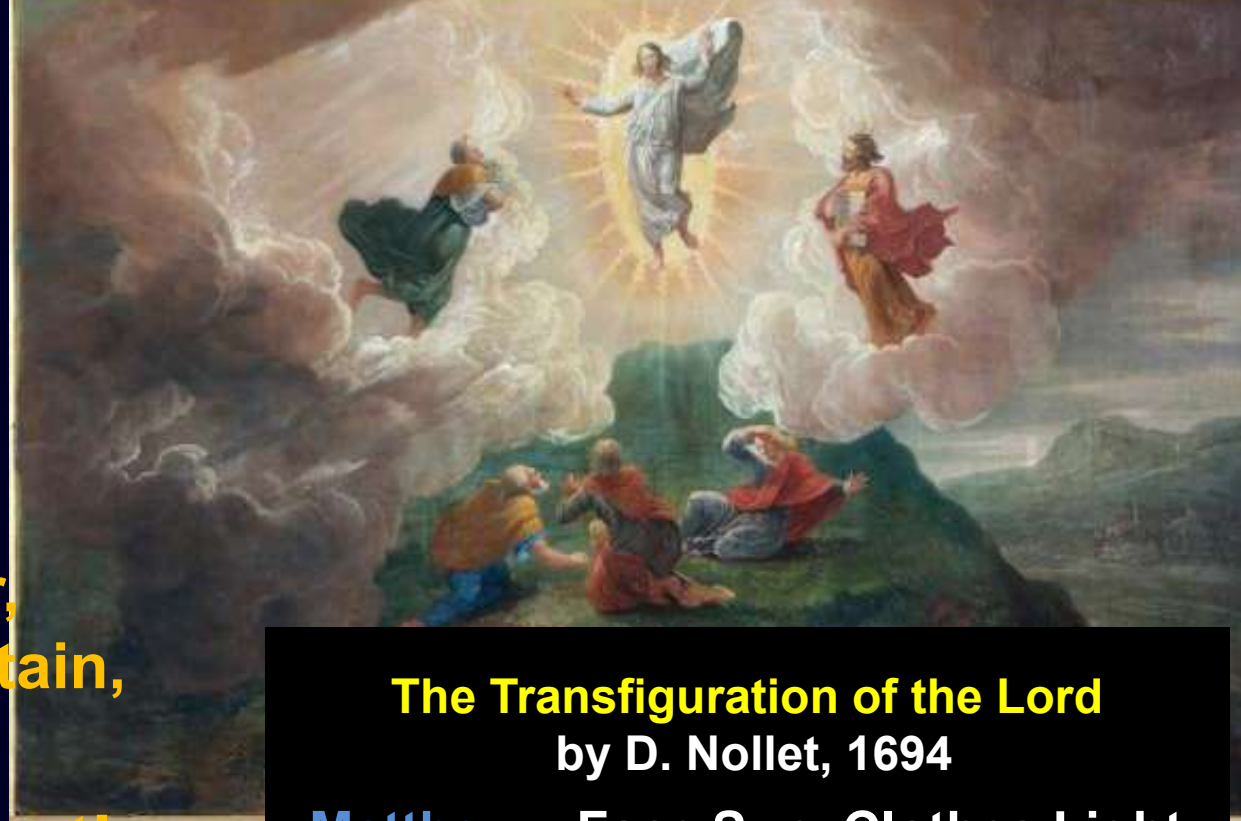
9:2 After **SIX DAYS** Jesus took Peter, James & John ... up a high mountain, where they were all alone.

He was *transfigured* before them.

3 His clothes dazzled white, whiter than any in the world could bleach them.

4 And there appeared before them Elijah & Moses, who were *talking* with Jesus.

TALKING to Moses & Elijah ... *reveals* of the Spiritual World?



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Matthew—Face Sun, Clothes Light  
Mark—Whiter than Anyone  
Luke—Jesus' Face **Changed**  
Luke—Clothes Dazzled





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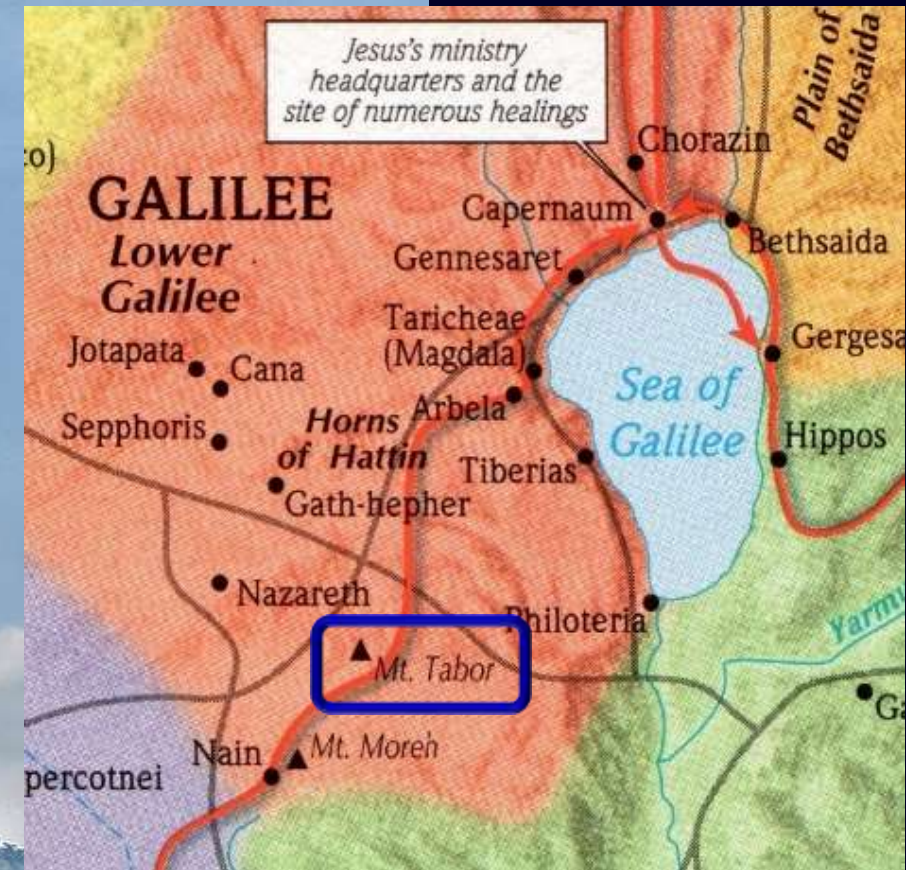


**Mosaic of the Transfiguration  
Saint Catherine's Monastery  
Mount Sinai**

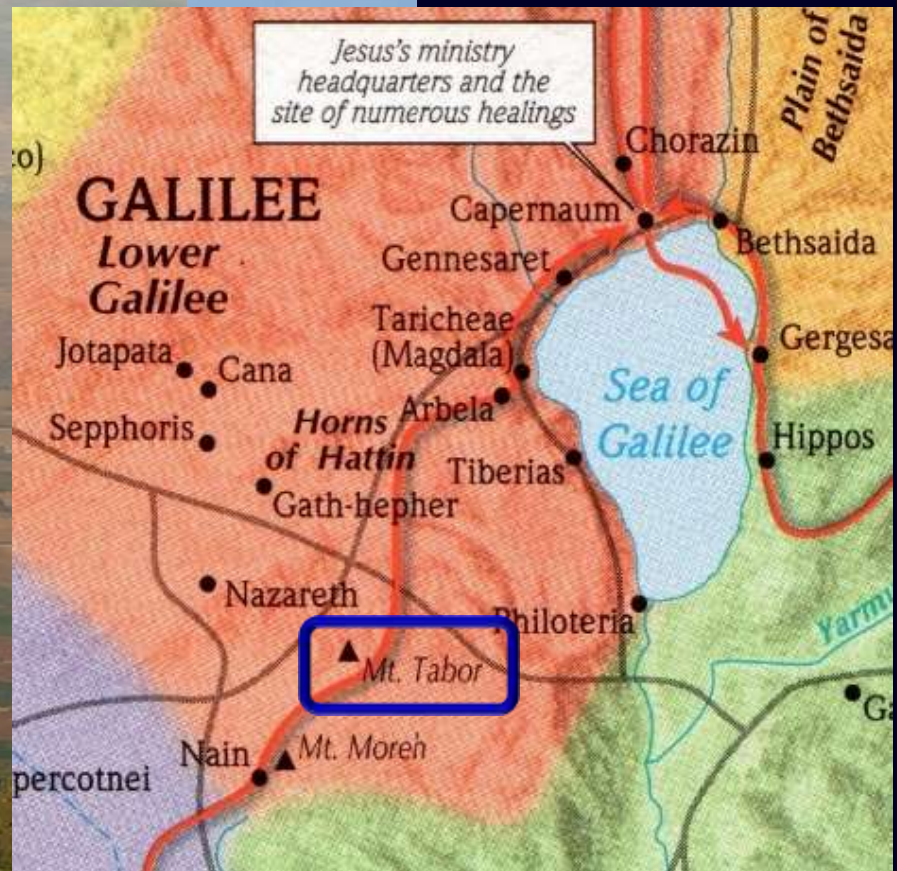


## Mount Tabor, Israel

- ✓ 11 miles from Sea of Galilee
- ✓ 1,886 feet above sea level







**Franciscan Church of  
the Transfiguration  
Mount Tabor, Israel**



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9:5 Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here ... 3 shelters—for you, for Moses, & for Elijah.”

6 He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.

7 Cloud appeared & covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:

“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

8 *Suddenly*, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them *except* Jesus.

How long were they asleep? How long did Jesus talk? Why didn't John?

Luke & Matthew—Afraid  
Luke—Disciples Sleepy  
Matthew—Afraid & Jesus touched



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**9:9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them not to tell ... until ... He rose from the dead.**

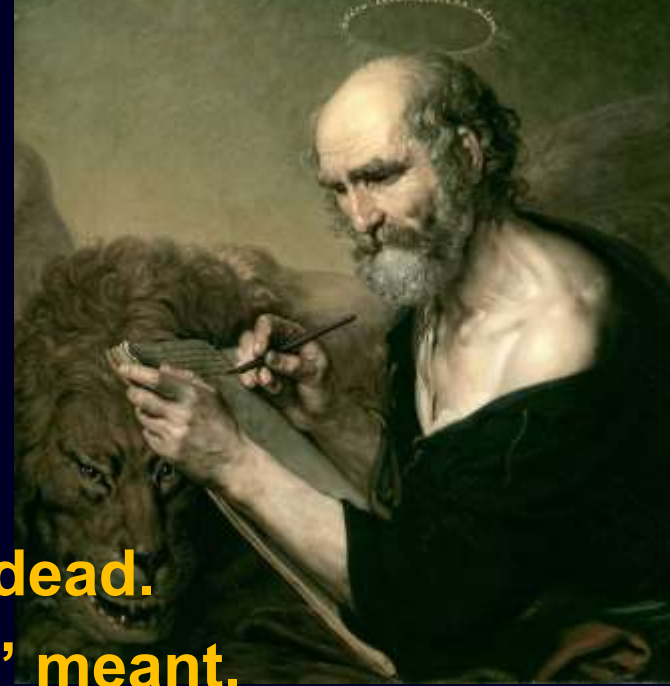
**10 They kept ... discussing what “rising from the dead” meant.**

**11 They asked, “Why ... Elijah must come first?”**

**12 Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected?”**

**13 But I tell you, ELIJAH HAS COME, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him.”**

**Consensus is that Jesus meant John the Baptist fulfilling Malachi 4:5**



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Off from Mt Tabor to ... somewhere ...

9:14 When they came to the other disciples, they saw large crowd ... Teachers of the Law arguing.

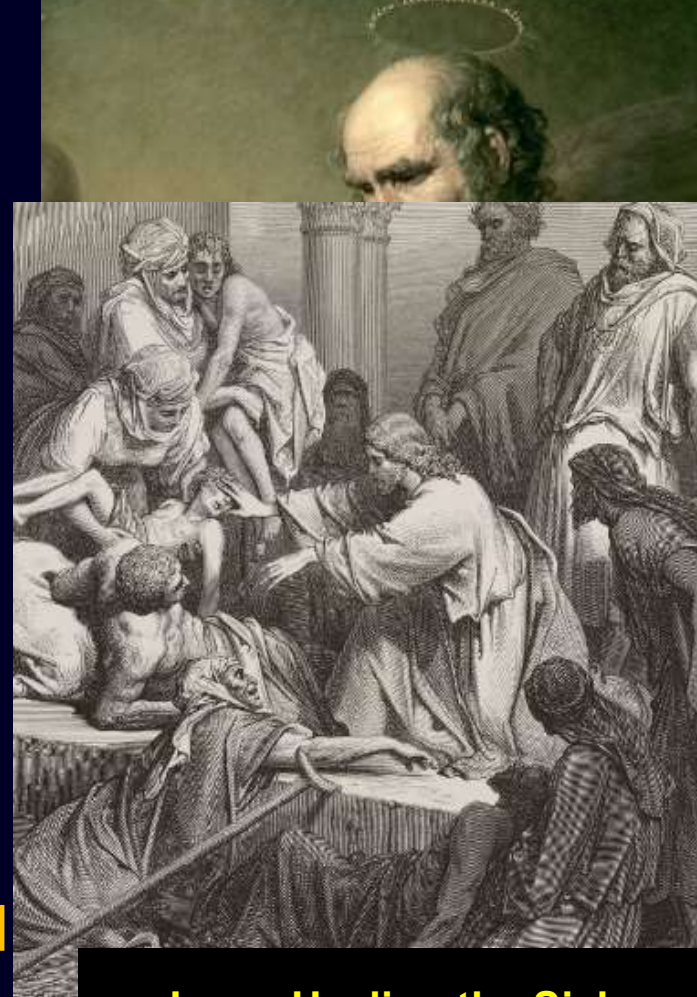
15 As soon as all the people saw Jesus ... overwhelmed w wonder....

16 “What are you arguing with them about?” he asked

17 *Man brings possessed son to Jesus....*

18 Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground.  
foams at mouth, gnashes teeth.... disciples to try, but cannot help

This embarrassed the Disciples ... wonder & perturbation in ALL



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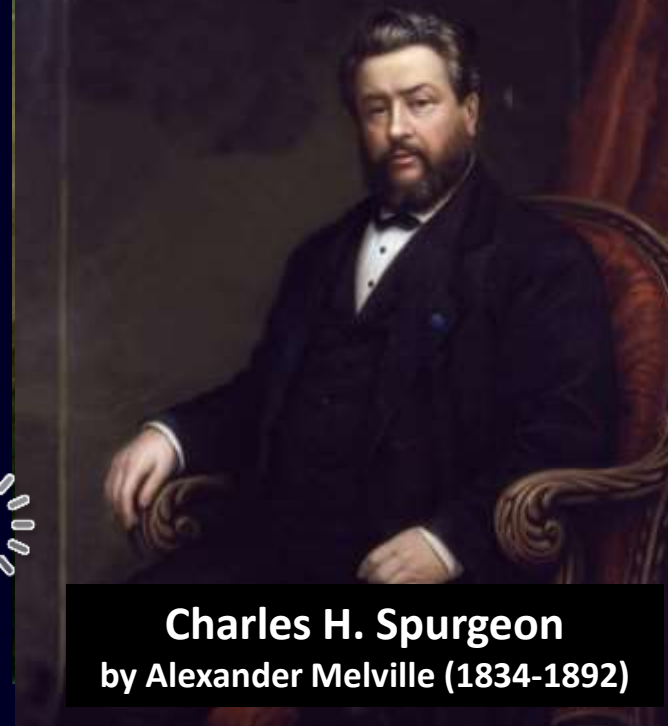
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**OUR SPIRIT** has sometimes been thrown into  
the very fire of presumption ... floods of despair....  
We have alternated between the cold of **MELANCHOLY**  
and the heat of **SELF-CONCEIT**.

We have at one time cried, "I love pleasure, and after it I will go"  
At another time, "My soul chooseth strangling rather than life."

Oh ... have you **REALLY LIVED** ... and **NOT** at one time felt such?

Those around the Disciples ... that **FATHER** had to **FEAR** & Feel Helpless



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## 9:14-29 Jesus **Heals** a Boy with Unclean Spirit

9:19 “You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied,  
“How long shall I stay with you? ... Bring the boy to me.”

20 So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus,  
it *immediately* threw the boy into a convulsion.  
He fell to the ground & rolled around,

foaming at mouth

21 Jesus asked ... how long? ... since CHILDHOOD ...  
into fire & water ... to **KILL** him ....

22 “**IF** you can do anything, take pity on us & help us.”

23 “**IF** you can’?” asked Jesus.

“**EVERYTHING** is possible for one who believes.”



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When **Satan** is in a man, and he is full of **DESPAIR**,  
he goes to all extremes, and resteth **NOWHERE**,  
walking like the unclean spirit himself through **DRY** places,  
seeking rest and finding **NONE**.

At the moment while the father was speaking,  
his poor boy was on the ground **WALLOWING** in ... his **DISORDER**,  
**FOAMING** at the mouth, and **GNASHING** with his **TEETH**.



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9:24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed,  
"I do believe;



**help thou MINE unbelief!**

25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was running ...  
he rebuked impure spirit. "You deaf & mute spirit,"

 "I command you, come out of him &  
**never enter him again**

26 Spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently & came out.  
Boy looked like a corpse & many said, "He's dead."

27 But Jesus took him by the hand & lifted him up....

28 After Jesus went indoors, disciples asked privately,

**"Why couldn't WE drive it out?"**

29 He replied  **"THIS KIND can come out only by prayer."**

Jesus ORDERED to "NEVER again" - AND there are "KINDS" of Demons



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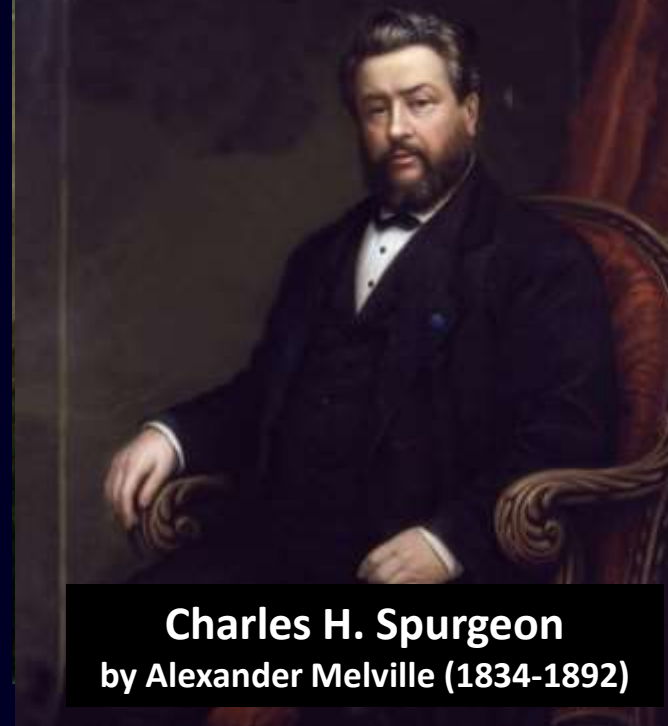
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**Satan** had great wrath, because he knew that  
his time was short.

When the Savior spoke, and bade the **Devil** come out of him,  
fiercest struggle of all took place ... **Spirit** rent the child, and  
the most terrible cries were heard.

Still the father said, "Lord, I believe."

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9:30 They left ... passed thru Galilee. Jesus did NOT want anyone to know where they were,

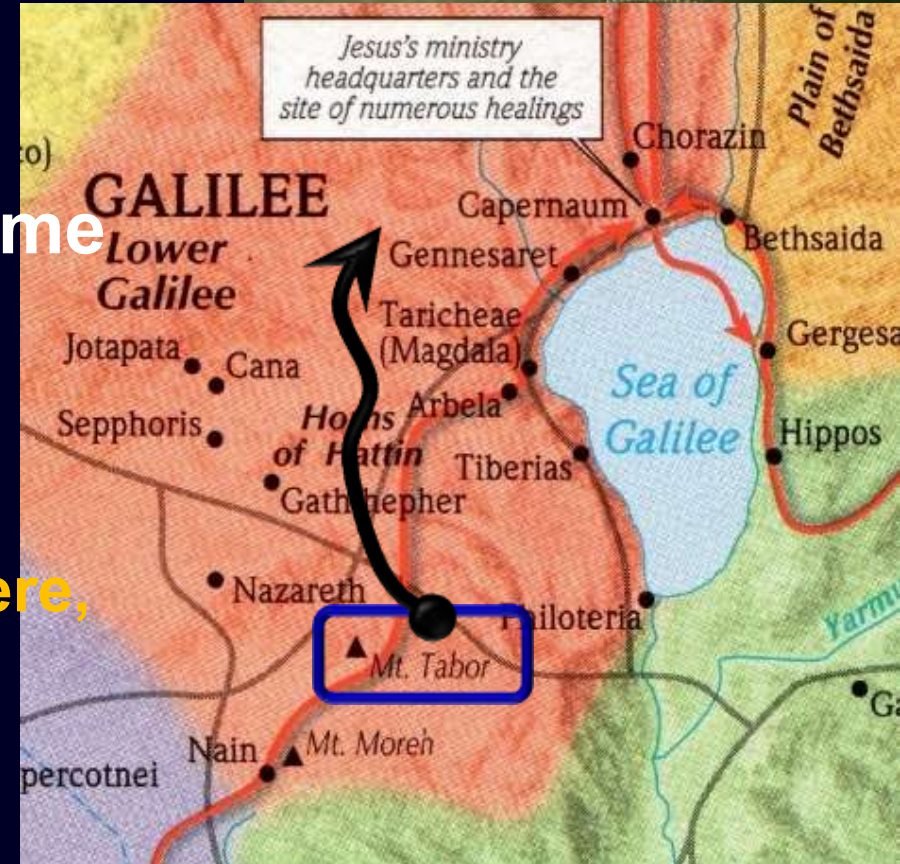
31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.

They will **KILL** him, & after three days he will **RISE**”

32 But they did **NOT** understand what he meant & were afraid to ask.

That's ALL that Mark remembered of Jesus's TEACHING ...

Miracles designed to **HEAL** – of course – yet also **HELP** people to **BELIEVE**





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**9:33 They came to Capernaum.**

**When he was in the house, he asked them,  
“What were you arguing about on the road?”**

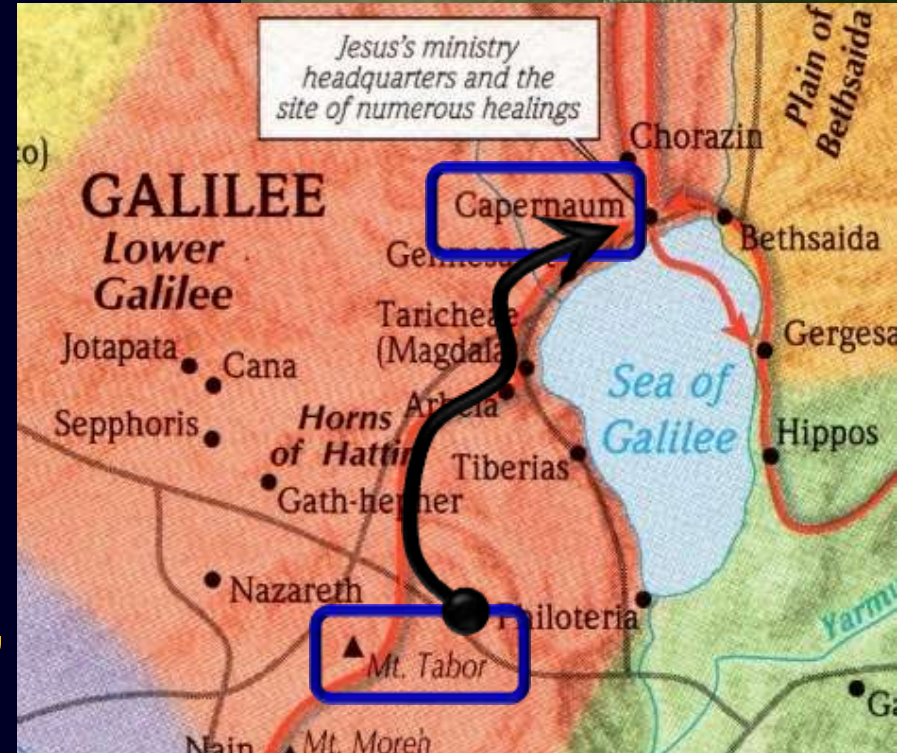
**34 ... kept quiet ... they had argued about**

**WHO WAS THE GREATEST**

**35 Sitting down, Jesus called the 12, “Anyone who wants to be first  
must be the very last & the servant of all.”**

**36 He took a LITTLE CHILD ... in his arms, he said to them,**

**37 “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name  
welcomes me ... whoever welcomes me ... one who sent me.”**



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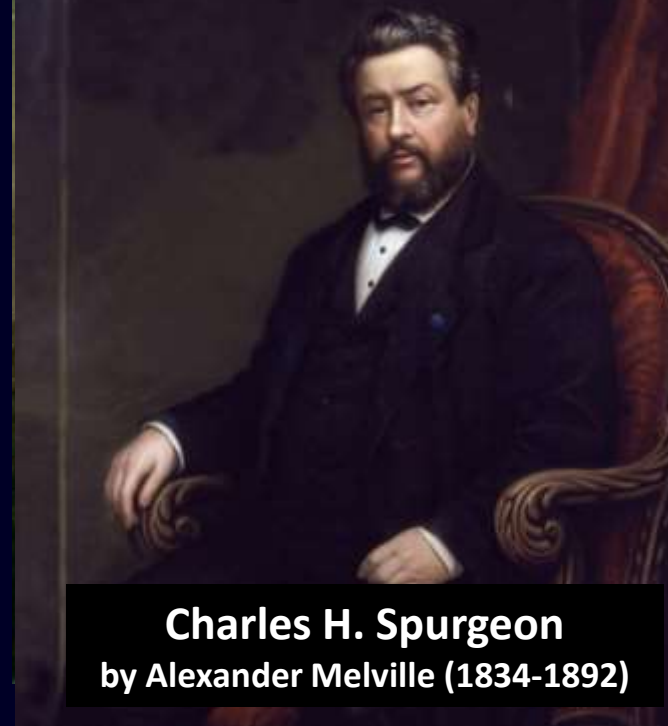
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Now, it may be, dear hearer, **YOU** are this morning  
yourself full of great **TROUBLE**,

vexed & tormented with innumerable fears of wrath to come  
a little **HELL** burns within **YOUR SOUL**,

anguish unutterable has taken hold upon you,  
your heart is like a **BATTLEFIELD** torn by contending hosts,  
which rush hither and thither, destroying on every side.



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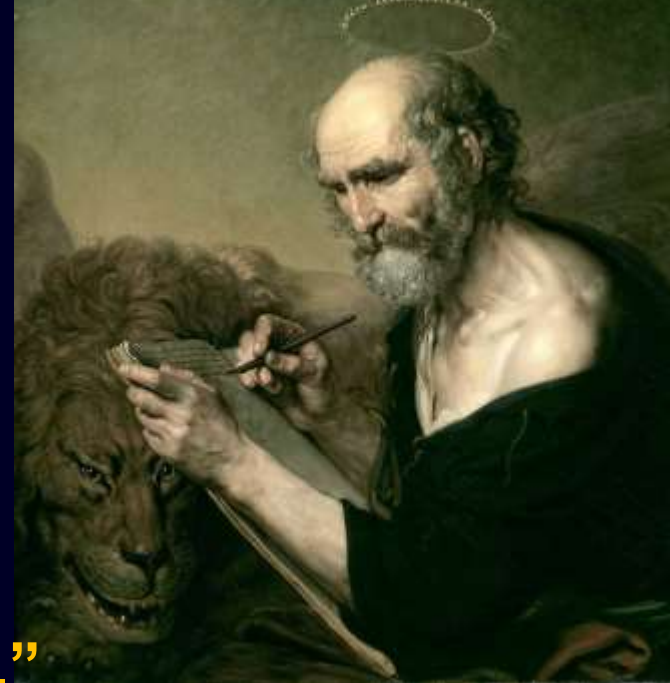
9:38 “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out DEMONS in your name we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

39 “Do NOT stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me,

40 for whoever is not AGAINST us is FOR us.

41 ... who gives you a cup of water in my name ... not lose their reward.

**MORE** insight into the Spiritual Realm – helping Christians is REWARDING



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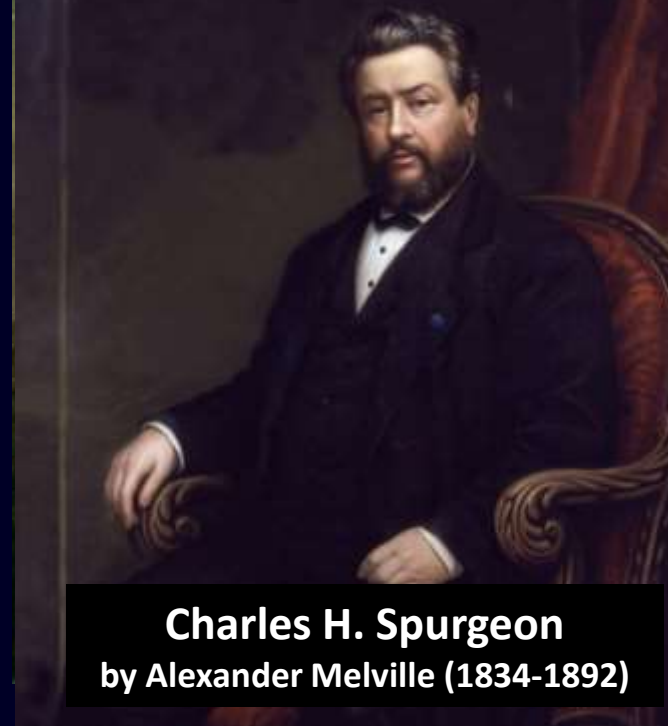
your heart is like a battlefield  
torn by contending hosts,  
which rush hither and thither,  
destroying on every side.

You are yourself an embodied agony: you are like David when he said,

“The pains of **HELL** get hold upon me,  
I found trouble and sorrow.” Can you now believe?

Will you **NOW** accept the word of the Most High?

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9:42 “If anyone causes one of these little ones—  
those who believe in me—to stumble,  
it would be better for them if a  
large millstone were hung around their neck  
they were thrown into the sea

Easy to see Jesus nodding, even patting  
on the head the CHILD he was holding  
Ever so gently ... kindly ... safe

Not just child abuse—but deceit of ADULTS too



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7:43 If your **HAND** causes you to stumble, **CUT IT OFF**.  
It is better for you to enter life maimed  
than with two hands to go into **HELL**  
where the **FIRE NEVER GOES OUT**. [some include v 48 here]

45 IF your **FOOT** causes you to stumble, **CUT IT OFF ...** than thrown in **HELL**

47 IF your **EYE** causes you to stumble, **PLUCK IT OUT**.  
It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye  
than to have two eyes and be thrown into **HELL**

48 where “worms that eat them do not die & fire not quenched.” Is 66:24

IF LITERALLY—be a lot of One-Handed, One-Footed, One-Eyed Christians





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If thou can, thou wilt greatly glorify God,  
thou wilt bring to thyself much blessedness.

Happy is that man who can not only believe when  
the **WAVES** softly ripple to the music of peace,  
but continues to trust in him who is almighty to save  
when the **HURRICANE** is let loose in its **FURY**, and  
the **ATLANTIC BREAKERS** follow each other,  
eager to **SWALLOW** up the  
barque of the **MARINER**



**The Rime of the Ancient Mariner**  
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7:49 Everyone will be SALTED WITH FIRE.

50 “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness,  
how can you make it salty again?

Have salt among yourselves, and  
be at peace with each other.”

We all know what this verse means ... we truly do ...

We BECOME good at making LIFE better, TASTIER for others  
THRU our own TROUBLES we become SALT for OTHERS

There is NO Good Sailor who has NOT weathered a storm





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Surely Christ Jesus is fit to be believed at all times

like the **POLE STAR**, he abides in his faithfulness,

let **STORMS RAGE** as they may.

He is always divine, always omnipotent to succor,  
always overflowing with lovingkindness....

Sorrowful one, do not add to thy sorrows by unbelief,  
a bitterness which useless to mingle with thy cup.

Better far is it to say,

**“Though he slay me yet will I trust in him.”**



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