

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why were the disciples unable to heal the boy in our lesson?
2. How did Jesus deal with unbelief?
3. Was the father expressing faith in asking help for unbelief?
4. What part does faith, prayer and fasting have in bringing the power of God?

SUMMARY:

The failure of the disciples to cast out the dumb spirit from the boy brought doubts and fears to their minds. Jesus showed them defeat, failure and doubt could be changed to victory by faith, prayer and fasting. He demonstrated to them His mighty power over even demons and reminded them their power would be unlimited too, if they would only believe. He told them also that this kind of power necessitates faith, coupled with prayer and fasting. In prayer we learn to obey the leading of the Spirit, and in fasting to deny ourselves for Jesus' sake.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

March 27, 2022

First Quarter

CHRIST, MASTER OF DEMONS

LESSON TEXT: Mark 9:14-29

LESSON SETTING: Following the transfiguration, Christ approaches His nine remaining disciples and the crowd.

TIME: About 32 A.D.

- I. NEED OF POWER.** Mark 9:14-18
 - A. Satan's Power. Ephesians 6:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:9
 - B. Man's Weakness. John 15:5; 2 Corinthians 3:5
- II. DEMONSTRATION OF POWER.** Mark 9:19-27
 - A. Jesus Rebukes Unbelief. Mark 4:40; John 20:27
 - B. Faith Essential. John 6:28-29; James 1:5-7
 - C. Power Promised. Luke 24:49; John 1:12
 - D. Power Demonstrated. Matthew 9:6; Luke 8:25; Romans 1:4
- III. SECRET OF POWER.** Mark 9:28-29
 - A. Prayer. 1 Chronicles 16:11; Luke 11:9; John 15:7
 - B. Fasting. Matthew 6:17-18; Romans 8:13; Galatians 5:24

GOLDEN TEXT: *ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVETH.*

Mark 9:23

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Exodus 14:10-22

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Genesis 15:1; Psalm 91:1-16;
Isaiah 42:10-16; Hebrews 11:29

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Saviour

TOPIC: GUIDANCE THROUGH OBEDIENCE

INTRODUCTION:

After having seen what the Lord could do during the ten plagues in Egypt and after having been spared the plagues through obedience, the children of Israel should have been able to trust Him for deliverance. This was not the case though. They now cried out to Moses to blame him for their present situation. They even wished that they had remained slaves in Egypt.

Moses, however, had confidence in the living God. Even before Moses himself knew God's design to deliver them, he quieted their fears with the promise that the Egyptians which they now saw, they would soon see no more. Even at this time Moses was in his heart praying to God, for there are no recorded prayers, but God answered his unspoken prayers with the instructions which were to result in their salvation.

God could have used any number of ways to bring His chosen ones out of the land of slavery, but He used a way which required the obedience of man and which ought to serve to strengthen His children while bringing honor and glory to His name.

These same principles exist today. He continues to reveal Himself in ways that involve obedience in His people and bring honor and glory to His name. We should expect to find ourselves in places of temptation and discomfort. We should also in trust look to the Lord with the full knowledge that He has the means of overcoming these obstructions.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The shedding of Christ's blood paid the price of our redemption.

GOLDEN TEXT: *FEAR YE NOT; STAND STILL, AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.*

Exodus 14:13

These words—straight from the heart of God through His servant Moses and given to the faint-hearted slaves who left the brickyards of Egypt—are good advice for us today. They had placed their lives in His hands and in their time of need had cried out to God. Now they could not wait for His answer. They cried to Moses and tried to place the blame for their circumstance upon him. After having seen many wonders at the hand of God, could they not trust Him for more?

This is typical of believers today. We cry out to the Lord in time of need and as the Word says, we do bring our burdens to the Lord. At this point we often fail to trust and find ourselves carrying the same burdens away with us. We would be wise to heed these words and stand quietly back to see the Lord in action. Learning this one truth would do much for the quietness of our souls and give us more time to do the work the Lord has for each of His children.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Mar 28 – Apr 3

- M. Guidance Provided. Exodus 12:37-51
- T. Guidance by the Supernatural. Exodus 13:17-22
- W. Guidance in Spite of Opposition. Exodus 14:1-9
- T. *Guidance Through Obedience. Exodus 14:10-22
- F. Guidance Assures Victory. Exodus 14:23-31
- S. Guidance Calls Forth Praise. Psalm 136:1-20
- S. Guidance Ends in Triumph. Psalm 31:15-24

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