Matthew 17 • The Kingdom, The Power & The Glory

1. (v.1-13) “**Thy Kingdom Come**”
   1. Representatives of the Millennial Kingdom to come:
      1. The Apostles represent **Israel**.
      2. Moses represents all who will be **resurrected**.
      3. Elijah represents all who will be **raptured**.
      4. Those at the base of the mountain represent **the nations**.
   2. Representatives of the whole Word of God:
      1. Moses represents the **Law**.
      2. Elijah represents the **Prophets**.
      3. The Apostles represent the **New Testament**.
      4. All are subordinate to **Christ**. (Rom. 10:4; Acts 10:43)
   3. Representatives of the “*episunagoge*”: (1 Th. 4:13-18)
      1. **Jesus**—“*For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven*…”
      2. **Moses**—“…*the dead in Christ will rise first*”.
      3. **Elijah**—“*Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them*…”
      4. **The Mount**—“…*in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air*…”
   4. Every prophetic fulfillment for Christ’s First Coming came about according to **God’s** will, not **man’s** wishes; the fulfillment of God’s entire Word is embodied in **Christ**, not in individual **events**. Likewise it shall be for the Second Coming.
2. (v.14-21) “**Thy Will Be Done**”
   1. We are expected to **live** in the interim while Christ is away in the very same manner as if He were with us, in **faith** accompanied by **prayer** and **fasting**.
3. (v.22-23) “**On Earth As It Is In Heaven**”
   1. (v.22-23) Participation in the Second Coming is **impossible** without first experiencing the First Coming.
   2. (v.24-27) All the **needs** of this life will be properly addressed in the pursuit of a life of **faith** in Christ.
      1. This is the only time Christ performed a miracle to meet **His own** needs. (Philip. 2:5-8)
      2. This is the most **complicated** miracle. (Heb. 2:8)
      3. This is the only miracle which uses **money**. (1 Pe. 1:17-19)
      4. This miracle was performed just for **Peter**. (1 Pe. 5:6-7)
4. ***Overall Application***: The Mount of Transfiguration is a glimpse of our **future** assurance, while in the mean time we faithfully await the fulfillment of that vision by a life of **faith** accompanied by **prayer** and **fasting** in the meantime. However, we must avoid being so **heavenly** minded that we are no **earthly** good.