

## Matthew 17 • The Kingdom, The Power & The Glory

### 1. (v.1-13) “**Thy Kingdom Come**”

- a. 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**.
- b. 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)
- c. 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...*”
- d. 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**”

- a. 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**”

- a. (v.22-23) Participation in the Second Coming is **impossible** without first experiencing the First Coming.
  - b. (v.24-27) All the **needs** of this life will be properly addressed in the pursuit of a life of **faith** in Christ.
    - i. This is the only time Christ performed a miracle to meet **His own** needs. (Philip. 2:5-8)
    - ii. This is the most **complicated** miracle. (Heb. 2:8)
    - iii. This is the only miracle which uses **money**. (1 Pe. 1:17-19)
    - iv. 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.