

THE INNER CIRCLE OF THE APOSTLES

INTRODUCTION: PETE R, JAMES, AND JOHN

I. AT THE HOME OF JAIRUS, LUKE 8:51; ALSO MT. 9:18-26; MK. 5:22-43

A. PRIVILEGED TO WITNESS AN OUTSTANDING MIRACLE.

"THE SAVIOR RAISED THE SAVIOR RAISED HER HAND FROM OFF HER BOSOM, AND SPREAD OUT THE SNOWY FINGERS IN HIS PALM, AND SAID, "MAIDEN! ARISE!" — AND SUDDENLY A FLUSH SHOT OVER HER FOREHEAD, AND ALONG HER LIPS; AND THROUGH HER CHEEK THE RALLIED COLOR RAN; AND THE STILL OUTLINE OF HER GRACEFUL FORM STIRRED IN THE LINEN VESTURE; AND SHE CLASPED THE SAVIOR'S HAND, AND FIXING HER DARK EYES FULL ON HIS BEAMING COUNTENANCE—AROSE."

B. APPRECIATION OF THE POWER OF THE LORD

Power of armament depot blowing up in Camp

C. A LESSON IN FAITH, V. 50, "FEAR NOT; BELIEVE ONLY"

Evans, RVN

ALSO V. 48, "THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE."

II. AT THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION, LUKE 9:28

A. PRIVILEGED TO WITNESS A GREAT CONVERSATION AND EXPERIENCE.

1. OF ALL THE SUBJECTS THEY MIGHT HAVE CHOSEN TO TALK ABOUT, THEY CHOOSE TO TALK ABOUT HIS COMING DEATH.

B. APPRECIATION OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD

1. EYE-WITNESSES OF HIS MAJESTY — PETER
2. WEANS OUR HEARTS FROM ALL HUMAN AND EARTHLY GLORY.
3. A PATTERN OF THE TRUE HAPPINESS WHICH SHALL BE IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

C. A LESSON IN SACRIFICE, V. 31, "SPAKE OF HIS DECEASE (EXODUS, DEPARTURE) WHICH HE SHOULD ACCOMPLISH IN JERUSALEM."

1. THE DEATH OF THE SINLESS CHRIST
2. A DEATH PURELY AND PERFECTLY VOLUNTARY
3. A SACRIFICIAL DEATH WHICH REDEEMS FROM SIN.

Abraham prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac

III. IN GETHSEMANE, MARK 14:33; ALSO MT. 26:36-46; LUKE 22:39-46, AND JOHN 18:1.

A. PRIVILEGED TO WITNESS THE SOUL AGONY OF THE LORD.

1. THE NATURE OF HIS AGONY — SORROW OF SOUL OR SPIRIT
2. THE CAUSE OF HIS AGONY

A. NOT FEAR OF THE COMING TREATMENT

B. BECAUSE THE FATHER PUT HIM TO GRIEF FOR US (ISA. 53) AND MADE HIM TO BE TREATED AS A SINNER THOUGH HE KNEW NO SIN.

B. APPRECIATION OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE LORD

1. HIS TRUE HUMANITY
2. HIS PERFECT OBEDIENCE

C. A LESSON IN PRAYER —

1. PRAYER MUST BE EARNEST

2. PRAYER MUST BE TRIUMPHANT OVER THE WEAKNESS OF THE FLESH.
3. SOMETIMES PRAYER MUST BE LONELY.
4. PRAYER MUST ALWAYS BE HUMBLE AND SUBMISSIVE.
5. PERSEVERING PRAYER.

Far different from the serenity of the Church of All Nations

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- CONCLUSION: - 1. THE AWFUL EXPENSIVENESS OF REDEMPTION.
2. WHAT A TRAGEDY TO FUMBLE OUR PRIVILEGES, LIKE SIMON PETER SO OFTEN DID.
3. "SATAN ALWAYS ROCKS THE CRADLE WHEN WE SLEEP AT OUR DEVOTIONS."
4. THE INFINITE PATIENCE AND GRACE OF CHRIST IN TAKING SPECIAL CARE IN DEALING WITH AND TRAINING THOSE WHO ARE NATURALLY WEAK AND FRAIL, YET WHO IN THEIR HEART OF HEARTS MEAN WELL, AND REALLY DO LOVE HIM AND DESIRE TO SERVE HIM.

He had no tears for his own grief.
But sweet drops of blood for mine.