

#27 YOUTUBE VIDEO CONVERSATION ON THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

I made these two posts below on a video that was teaching on why Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration (Mat 17:1-13) .

Here is my first post:

The vision presented Moses because he represents the Old Covenant of Law. Elijah was presented because he represents the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant. Christ was presented because He represents the New Covenant.

Can you see the progression?

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A person then asked this question to me:

But why Elijah?

Here is my response:

Dear B_____,

Elijah is the person God uses to transition a believer from religion (works based) to faith alone which is required for Christ appear to a person and convert them.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet (a person in the spirit of Elijah) before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD (day of conversion/salvation): Mat 17:11 Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first (referring to John the Baptist) and will restore all things.

So how does Elijah restore all things?

John 1:23 He (John the Baptist) said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,'" as the prophet Isaiah said."

The "great and dreadful Day of the Lord" is for the purpose of spiritually completing the conversion process where a person goes from being a child of the Devil (a Man of Sin) to being a child of God. This time of judgment immediately follows the Latter Rain (the baptism) when the child of God is born and gathered to heaven (spiritually speaking, Acts 24:29-31). Before the Day of the Lord commences, Christ will use a person who has been given the spirit of Elijah to transition the person from a works based approach to God (crooked way) to a faith based approach (straight way). Elijah causes this transition to occur by causing the Latter Rain to fall on the individual. I'll say more about this later in my post.

The "crooked way" is Satan (the crooked serpent) and his children's way (religion) which attempts to make a person acceptable to God by the works of man. Adam and Eve tried this way by making aprons of fig leaves to hide their sinfulness. This is why they were cast out of the Garden and not because they had eaten of the forbidden fruit. If they had approached Christ in

faith about their sin rather than trying to cover their sin by their own works, their marriage relationship with Christ would not have ended.

This scripture applies to that time:

Isa 54:5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. 6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou was refused, saith thy God (happened in the Garden of Eden). 7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee (by the New Covenant).

The crooked way seems right to mankind but it is the way that leads to death:

Prv 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

The crooked way is also what the Old Covenant of Law is founded upon.

Under the New Covenant, Christ does 100% of the works that are needed to make a person acceptable to God. A person's faith in Christ is their belief and trust in Him to fully provide for their salvation, plus everything else in their life. Christ is even the one who gives them their faith and repentance from works. The individual contributes nothing. For this reason, a person is only saved when Christ decides to save them and that is why scripture frequently speaks of "waiting" for Christ to come (His second coming).

Here are four of those scriptures:

Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation (conversion) to those who are waiting for him.

Isa 40:29 He gives power (Holy Spirit) to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary (fallen away babes), And the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength (by the Latter Rain); they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint (never fall from grace again).

Psa 68:9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful RAIN (Latter Rain), whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance (heir of Abraham), when it was weary.

James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives the EARLY and LATTER RAIN. 8 Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

To begin the salvation process within a person, Christ will come to them without their asking and without their permission to come. When Christ comes, He will give the person a small measure

of the Holy Spirit. In the farming analogy, this small measure is called the Early Rain. The Early Rain will give a person a measure of faith and it will call them to be a saint. This is when a person will confess that Jesus is Lord. It is also when they will enter the church. The person is now a babe in Christ who can start drawing milk (Christ and Him crucified).

Paul received the Early Rain on the Damascus Road and the Apostles received the Early Rain just before they began following Christ in the flesh.

At this point in the salvation process, the new believer will remain spiritually blind, carnally minded and unconverted. In this spiritual condition, the babe is easy prey for Satan's deceptions.

Shortly after Paul's death, the apostasy came upon the church. 100% of the babes (no sheep were spared) in the churches fell away and began following a false gospel which mixes man's works with faith (Acts 20:29-31). This false gospel quickly became common place in the church and was fully accepted later by orthodox Christianity. By the time John received the vision recorded in Revelation, the apostasy in the church had already begun. Nothing has changed over the centuries since that time, even up to today.

Because all babes will fall away and will start mixing works with faith, it is necessary for a person in the spirit of Elijah to come to them with the call of repentance. The only ones who are blessed by Christ to respond to this call are the elect - those who have been chosen from the foundation of the world.

The repentance of the elect babes happens because Elijah causes the Latter Rain to fall on them.

James 5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. **18** And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain (the Latter Rain), and the earth produced its fruit.

This verse applies, too:

1Sam 12:17 Is it not wheat harvest to day? (day of salvation/conversion) I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and Rain (Latter Rain); that ye may perceive and see (spiritual blindness healed) that your wickedness is great (have become apostate/man of sin), which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

With the Latter Rain, the person's spiritual blindness will be healed and they will repent of their works. Now that the pathway has been made straight, Christ will appear to them. When Christ appears, He will commence the Day of the Lord and destroy all the spiritual "chaff" within them. The spirit word "chaff" represents the spiritual things that has made the person carnally minded and sinful. After this judgment is complete, the person will be converted and eternally saved. This judgment is presented in many places of scripture - some of which are found in Mat 24:37-41, 2Thes 1:3-10, 2Pet 3:10-13 & Rev 19:11-21.

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