

## Hear Ye Him

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

In **Matthew 17:1-5** is the account of Jesus being transfigured before three of his apostles. Peter, James, and John were witnesses to a sight that no other men, not even the other apostles, were permitted to see. They not only saw Jesus transfigured, but also Moses and Elias (Elijah), talking with him. As Peter was speaking of building three tabernacles, they heard the voice of God say, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

Was God saying, "Man be quiet and listen to my Son?" Peter, as many others, meant well, but he spoke with emotion, not with knowledge. Man speaks and tries to change things that God has said. Even in those days there were various opinions about what God's Word said. All through history God had sent prophets, priests, and teachers to show mankind his will. Few listened, or understood, the message. Prophets were stoned at times and the message rejected

time after time.

Jesus told a parable in **Matthew 21:33-41** about the vineyard and the husbandmen. They misused the servants, beating some and even killing some. At last, the master sent his son whom they also killed. In the same way, God's servants, the prophets, had been mistreated and now Jesus had been sent. Notice, God said, "Hear ye him!"

The gospel is not the product of some man, or group of men, but it was given by the Son of God himself. We are to listen to him, not some man-made doctrine. Hearing him means to really listen to what he has to tell us. In **John 14:23-24**, Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." To hear him is to keep and do what he has told us to do.

The person who says that they believe and follow Jesus, but doesn't keep his commandments, is a liar, otherwise know as a hypocrite. Such are those who don't care for the worship service and

hardly ever come to church. **Hebrews 10:25-26**, which is God's Word, tells us to be in church, yet many pay no attention to this clear command. Jesus tells us to study the scriptures, yet many refuse to read the bible, giving one excuse or another. The Lord rebuked the Sadducees in **Mark 12:24** saying to them, "Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?" The things that he has told us to do are for our benefit, yet some have a hard time obeying him. It is almost like they want to be Christians without Christ.

People take a chance with their souls when they listen to what some man says, rather than what God has said. Everything from the plan of Salvation to living for the Lord is changed from what the Lord has said to some man-made doctrine. Look at what is called the church today. It is divided amidst confusion over doctrines, lacking in love and the power of God. How can the church have an impact on the world? By hearing and doing what the Lord says and turning away from false teachings. Remember Jesus is the Lord, the Son of God, Hear Ye Him.

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