

"I KNOW GOD IS ABLE"

Matthew 17:14-21 with Mark 9:14-29 and Luke 9:37-42 (continued)

INTRODUCTION: Last week we saw that the disciples were amazed that they could not cure the father's son whose very serious physical problems were highly agitated by demonic powers making the boy suicidal in his actions. Had they forgotten that without Jesus – they could do nothing? Were they trusting in yesterday's grace and provision to meet today's problems? We discovered that rather than "looking unto Jesus" they were looking unto themselves to meet the need – "Why could **WE** not cast it out?" Upon hearing from the father that His disciples could not cure His son Jesus expresses His frustration, not only with His disciples, but also, with the entire generation in which he was living – "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you?" Having failed miserably the disciples did the right thing – they came to Jesus and asked why they had failed. We have much to learn about faith and prayer as His followers in the answer that He gave to His disciples.

A. THE ***DISTRESS*** OF THE FATHER

1. HIS ***ACTIONS***

- A. HE ***CAME*** TO JESUS
- B. HE ***KNELT*** BEFORE JESUS
- C. HE ***SPOKE*** TO JESUS

2. HIS ***WORDS***

- A. HE ***CALLED*** JESUS - *LORD*
- B. HE ***ASKED*** JESUS – *FOR MERCY ON SON*
- C. HE ***TOLD*** JESUS – *THE PROBLEM*

B. THE ***PLIGHT*** OF THE SON

- 1. THE ***PHYSICAL*** PROBLEM - *EPILEPSY*
- 2. THE ***SPIRITUAL*** PROBLEM – *DEMON POSSESSION*
- 3. THE ***RESULTANT*** PROBLEMS – *SUICIDAL TENDENCIES*

C. THE ***FAILURE*** OF THE DISCIPLES

- 1. ***POWERLESS***
- 2. ***FAITHLESS***
- 3. _____ LESS

D. THE _____ OF THE LORD

1. THE _____ REVEALED

2. THE _____ GIVEN

3. THE _____ CURED

E. THE _____ OF THE LORD

1. THE _____ OF REAL FAITH

2. THE _____ OF REAL FAITH

3. THE _____ TO REAL FAITH

A. PRAYER

B. FASTING