

Luke 9:35

And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

A lot of people talk about going and having that mountain top experience with Jesus, and when they do, they are usually referring to what was going on here in today's verse.

† *Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Luke 9:28-31*

So, Peter, John and James are there with Jesus, and as Jesus was praying, suddenly Moses and Elijah show up and they start talking to Jesus, and it says that they were talking about the thing, "*which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.*" And our buddy Peter got so caught up in the moment that:

† *But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"-- not knowing what he said. Luke 9:32-33*

Wait a minute, Jesus is talking with Moses and Elijah and what were the disciples doing? They "*were heavy with sleep*" simply, they were dozing off, instead of listening to the conversation between Jesus, Moses and Elijah (Don't you wish you were there to hear that conversation). Once the disciples finally woke up, it says that, *Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"* But there is one part right after this, that we can sometimes all be guilty of ourselves, and that is that Peter spoke out, "*not knowing what he said.*"

Peter and John and James were in such awe of what they were seeing that Peter just blurts out, "*Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"* Peter was saying, let us worship the three of You; Jesus, Moses and Elijah, simply jumping the gun because of emotion, and not thinking realistically. Because, yes Jesus should be worshipped, but not Moses or Elijah, they were just men of God, but they are not gods, they are normal human beings just like us.

† *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. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. James 5:17-18*

So, with Peter blurting out his emotions, this is where today's verse comes in:

† *While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" Luke 9:34-35*

You see, when you are on the mountain top with Jesus, we go there to hear from Jesus, and to talk to Jesus. Yes, we should go to the mountain top and pray, just like Jesus did "*As He prayed*" but then afterwards we should stop and listen to God or Jesus' response to our prayers. "*This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!*" Yet I wonder how many times people, or even the church, goes to the mountain top and pray, then fall asleep, not listening to God's response to their prayers?

† *For they refuse to listen to me, though I have spoken to them repeatedly through the prophets I sent. And you who are in exile have not listened either," says the LORD. Jeremiah 29:19 (NLT2)*

† *Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD! Psalm 27:14*

† *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Revelation 3:13*