



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 9:37-45 (NAS)

Topic: "His Great Power Over the Enemy"

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- 37 On the next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met Him.
- 38 And a man from the crowd shouted, saying, "Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, for he is my only boy,
- 39 and a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly screams, and it throws him into a convulsion with foaming at the mouth; and only with difficulty does it leave him, mauling him as it leaves.
- 40 "I begged Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not."
- 41 And Jesus answered and said, "You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."
- 42 While he was still approaching, the demon slammed him to the ground and threw him into a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy and gave him back to his father.
- 43 And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. But while everyone was marveling at all that He was doing, He said to His disciples,
- 44 "Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men."
- 45 But they did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they would not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.

I. THE NEEDY NATURE OF MAN Mark 9:17-24

- A. The Boy's Need Was Great
- B. Our Need Is Often Greatly Disguised
- C. The Great Needs Of That Family
- D. A Call To Christ's Church To Aid Those In Need

II. THE BATTLE WITH EVIL

- A. It Is Not Merely Some Impersonal Force
- B. It Is A Battle With Real Spiritual Beings *Ephesians 6:12*

- C. We Must Not Toy With Evil

III. THE ANSWER IS FOUND IN CHRIST

- A. His Power Is Greater *1 John 4:4*
- B. Why Then Is There Pain And Suffering?
- C. His Plan Is Greater Than The Suffering

IV. THE GREAT NEED FOR FAITH

- A. It Runs Against The Perversion
- B. Faith Is Made Visible In Obedience *John 14:15*
- C. Each Step Of Obedience Strengthens Our Faith *Hebrews 11:1*