

Luke 9:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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The consequence is reciprocal shame **when he shall come in his own glory** (en tē doxē autou, ἐν τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ)—the parousia, Christ's second coming in unveiled divine majesty. The triple glory—**his own... his Father's... the holy angels**—emphasizes the cosmic magnitude of that day. Those who denied Christ to preserve reputation or comfort will face His denial before the Father (Matthew 10:32-33). This is the ultimate reversal: temporary shame for Christ yields eternal glory; avoiding shame now guarantees eternal disgrace.

Historical Context

In the first-century Roman Empire, confessing Christ as Lord was politically dangerous—'Caesar is Lord' was the required confession. Christians faced social ostracism, economic persecution, and potential execution. The temptation to hide

faith or compromise doctrinally was intense. Jesus warns that temporary safety purchased through denying Him results in eternal condemnation. Early Christians understood this—ten of the twelve apostles suffered martyrdom rather than deny Christ. The church fathers like Polycarp declared, 'Eighty-six years have I served Him, and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?' Jesus' warning steeled believers for persecution.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. In what situations are you tempted to remain silent about Christ or His teachings to avoid ridicule or rejection?
2. How does the certainty of Christ's glorious return in judgment motivate boldness in witness despite present opposition?
3. What does it mean practically to be unashamed of Christ's 'words' when specific biblical teachings are culturally offensive?

Interlinear Text

ὅς	γὰρ	ἀν	ἐπαισχυνθήσεται	με	καὶ	τοὺς	έμοὺς
whosoever	For	G302	be ashamed	of me	and	G3588	of my
G3739	G1063		G1870	G3165	G2532		G1699
λόγους	τοῦτον	ό	νιὸς	τοῦ	ἀνθρώπου	ἐπαισχυνθήσεται	
words	of him	G3588	the Son	G3588	of man	be ashamed	
G3056	G5126		G5207		G444		G1870
ὅταν	ἔλθῃ	ἐν	τῇ	δόξῃ	αὐτοῦ	καὶ	πατρὸς
when	he shall come	in	G3588	glory	G846	and	G3588
G3752	G2064	G1722		G1391		G2532	in his Father's
							G3962
καὶ	τῶν	ἀγίων	ἀγγέλων				
and	G3588	of the holy	angels				
G2532		G40	G32				

Additional Cross-References

2 Timothy 2:12 (Parallel theme): If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Romans 1:16 (Parallel theme): For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Mark 8:38 (Glory): Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Revelation 21:8 (Parallel theme): But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Matthew 16:27 (Glory): For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Matthew 25:31 (Glory): When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

John 12:43 (Parallel theme): For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Revelation 20:11 (Parallel theme): And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Jude 1:14 (Holy): And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

2 Timothy 1:12 (Parallel theme): For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

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