

Luke 9:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

Analysis

At the Transfiguration, the voice from the cloud declared: 'This is my beloved Son: hear him.' This repeats the Father's baptism declaration (Luke 3:22) with the addition 'hear him' (Greek 'akouete autou,' ἀκούετε αὐτοῦ). The command to 'hear' means obey, not merely listen. God commands absolute attention to and obedience toward Jesus. This follows Jesus' transfiguration in glory with Moses (representing law) and Elijah (representing prophets) present. The command to 'hear him' indicates Jesus supersedes law and prophets—He is God's final word (Hebrews 1:1-2), the ultimate revelation demanding obedience.

Historical Context

The Transfiguration occurred on a mountain (traditionally Mount Hermon or Mount Tabor) about a week after Peter's confession (v. 28). Moses and Elijah appearing with Jesus in glory (v. 30-31) represented the law and the prophets—the entire Old Testament witness. They discussed Jesus' 'decease' (Greek 'exodos,' exodus) which He would accomplish in Jerusalem (v. 31), linking Jesus' death to Israel's exodus-redemption. Peter wanted to build three tabernacles, treating all three equally (v. 33). God's voice correcting this—"This is my beloved Son: hear him"—establishes Jesus' supremacy. Jesus alone remains (v. 36), emphasizing He is God's final, complete revelation.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does the Father's command to 'hear him' teach about Jesus' supremacy over law and prophets?
2. How does the Transfiguration reveal Jesus' glory and establish His authority as God's final word to humanity?

Interlinear Text

καὶ φωνὴ ἐγένετο ἐκ τῆς νεφέλης λέγουσα Οὗτός¹
And a voice there came out of the cloud saying This
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ἐστιν ὁ νίος μου ὁ ἀγαπητὸς, αὐτοῦ ἀκούετε
is Son my beloved him hear
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 3:22 (Love): And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:17 (Love): And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Hebrews 5:9 (Parallel theme): And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Hebrews 3:15 (Parallel theme): While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

Isaiah 42:1 (Parallel theme): Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

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