

Mark 8:38

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Whosoever ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous sinful generation of him shall Son of man be ashamed when comes in glory of Father with holy angels. Ashamed epaischynthē embarrassed deny distance from. Me emou Christ person. My words logous teaching. Adulterous moichalis unfaithful covenant breaking. Sinful hamartōlo morally corrupt. Son of man Christ self designation. Ashamed epaischynthēsetai disown reject. Comes elthē return second coming. Glory doxē splendor majesty. Father patros God. Holy angels hagiōn angellōn heavenly host. Warning against apostasy denying Christ. Eternal consequences of temporal choices. Reformed theology affirms perseverance of saints true believers persevere false professors fall away.

Historical Context

First century Christianity brought persecution shame. Temptation to deny Christ avoid suffering. Jesus warns eternal consequences. Son of man coming glory contrasts present suffering. Eschatological reversal. Now Christ is rejected humiliated. Then He will return glory judge. Those who denied Him will be denied. Early church faced this martyrdom demanded public confession faith cost of life. Many remained faithful. Some apostatized denied Christ. Church discipline

addressed apostasy. Modern comfortable Christianity rarely faces this. But principle remains allegiance to Christ must be public unwavering.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does warning about being ashamed of Christ teach about public confession versus private faith?
2. How should future glory judgment shape current willingness to identify with Christ despite cost?

Interlinear Text

ὅς	γὰρ	ἄν	ἐπαισχυνθήσεται	με	καὶ	τοὺς	ἐμοὺς
Whosoever	therefore	G302	be ashamed	of me	also	G3588	of my
G3739	G1063		G1870	G3165	G2532		G1699
λόγους	ἐν	τῇ	γενεᾶ	ταύτῃ	τῇ	μοιχαλίδι	καὶ
words	in	G3588	generation	G3778	G3588	adulterous	also
G3056	G1722		G1074			G3428	G2532
ἀμαρτωλῷ	καὶ	ό	υἱὸς	τοῦ	ἀνθρώπου	ἐπαισχυνθήσεται	
sinful	also	G3588	the Son	G3588	of man	be ashamed	
G268	G2532		G5207		G444		G1870
αὐτοῦ	ὅταν	ἔλθῃ	ἐν	τῇ	δόξῃ	τοῦ	πατρὸς
of him	when	he cometh	in	G3588	the glory	G3588	Father
G846	G3752	G2064	G1722		G1391		G3962
μετὰ	τῶν	ἀγγέλων	τῶν	ἀγίων			of him
with	G3588	angels	G3588	the holy			G846
G3326		G32		G40			

Additional Cross-References

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.

James 4:4 (Parallel theme): Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

1 John 2:23 (Parallel theme): Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

Luke 9:26 (Glory): For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

2 Timothy 1:8 (Parallel theme): Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

Matthew 26:64 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Hebrews 11:16 (Parallel theme): But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:26 (Parallel theme): Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

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 12:39 (Parallel theme): But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

