

# *Study of Mark 9*

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## **Mark 9:1-50**

Mark 8 ends with Messiah saying: *Whosoever therefore shall be **ashamed** of Me and of My Words, which happens to be, the Words of My Father's Torah of Life, that He sent Me to give to you, in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also, SHALL, Messiah, the Son of man **be ashamed**, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy messengers.*

Here in Mark 9 we begin with the words of verse 1 *And Messiah said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there are **some** of them that stand here, which shall **NOT** taste of death, until they have seen the kingdom of Elohim come with power.*

Here there are two potential scenarios; Messiah could be speaking of His three disciples that went with Him and saw Him transfigured on the Mount, which means that they saw Messiah in all His power, and with His holy messengers, Elijah and Mosheh, or, it could be speaking of all of His disciples, who were given a vision of the established kingdom of Elohim with all of its power, before they physically died, which could be a reward that was given to them because they willingly chose to surrender their hearts in total loving obedience to the **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, His Directives forever lasting Life. If that is the case, then the vision that was given to them, could be similar to the vision that was given to Steven, by YHVH, just before he was stoned to death in Acts 7:55-60:

*But Steven, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly **into heaven, and saw the glory of Elohim, and Yeshua standing on the right hand of Elohim, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the Right Hand of Elohim. Then the Pharisees cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon Elohim, and saying, Master Yeshua, **receive my spirit.** And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, YHVH, do **NOT** lay this **SIN** to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.***

*Verse 2 And after six days*

(Since there are no names for the days of the week in Scripture, except *day one* through to *day seven*, then this means that our heavenly Father chose to show the **transfiguration** of Messiah, to His disciples, on the Shabbat. What do you think **IS** the significance of our heavenly Father choosing the Shabbat, to show Messiah's **transfiguration** to His disciples? Let me explain it this way, in Exodus 31:12-18 *And YHVH spoke unto Mosheh, saying, Speak also unto the children of Yisrael, saying, Verily My **Shabbat** you **SHALL KEEP: WHY? Because it is a SIGN** between Me and you, throughout your generations; that you may **KNOW** that I am YHVH that **sanctifies** you. You **SHALL KEEP** the **Shabbat** therefore; for **IT IS holy** unto you: every one that **DEFILES** the **Shabbat, SHALL surely be put to death: for whosoever does any work therein, that soul SHALL be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; BUT in the seventh Day IS the Shabbat of rest, it is HOLY to YHVH: whosoever does***

any work on the **Shabbat**, he **SHALL** surely be put to **death**. Therefore the children of Yisrael **SHALL KEEP** the **Shabbat**, to observe the **Shabbat throughout their generations, for a PERPETUAL COVENANT. IT IS** a sign between Me and the children of Yisrael **FOR EVER:**

For, in six days, YHVH made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day, **He rested, and was refreshed**. And YHVH gave unto Mosheh, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, **two Tables of Testimony**, tables of stone, written with the **finger** of Elohim; And in Matthew 12:6-8 it says: *But, I Messiah, say unto you, That in this place, the Temple, there is One that **IS GREATER than the Temple**. But **IF** you had known what these words mean, I will have mercy, and **NOT** sacrifice, you would **NOT** have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man, Messiah, **IS** Master even of the Shabbat day.*

Therefore it is safe to say, that our heavenly Father chose that day, the **Shabbat** to remind Messiah's disciples, and all of us, of the Covenant that He made with us, the Covenant where our forefathers said for themselves and on our behalf, **ALL** that YHVH has **SAID** we will **OBEY** and we will **DO**, and now the Words of the Torah made flesh, **IS being transfigured** right before their very eyes)

Next we are told the Messiah took three disciples with Him, and as always, I believe that there is a message in the definition of the names of the Disciples that Messiah sovereignly chose to take with Him.

*Yeshua took with him Peter, whose real name is Shimon or Shimeon*

(שמעון) is the name of one of Jacob's sons, from Leah, and in her heart she was excited, when she found out that she was pregnant with Shimon, for she thought to herself, wait till my husband Jacob **HEARS** that I am pregnant with a son, **THEN** he will love me, and the name Shimon, is from the word Shema, שמע, which means, to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey and do what you have been told to **DO**),

*James, whose real name is Jacob/Yisrael:*

(יעקב) Ya'aqov, is from the word Aqav עקב, which means, to follow at the heel, it means, heel, footprint, hinder part, and as an adjective it means, and later on, YHVH changed his name, to Yisrael, ישׂרָאֵל and YHVH gave him that name, after Ya'aqov fought with YHVH's messenger, and prevailed, and it is also, a composite word, made up of the words, Yeshar and El, where the word Yeshar means, to be smooth, be straight, be right, was upright, pleasing, he led straight, he directed, guided, was made level, and the word El, is a short form of the title Elohim, therefore the word **Yisrael or Yeshar El, means, the straight and upright Torah obedient path that Elohim has designed for all of the members of His family to walk on, the path that will lead all who choose to willingly and lovingly follow it, onto everlasting life, in the kingdom of Elohim**))

*John, whose real name is Jochanan:*

(יוחנן), Yo Chanan, where the word Yo is a short form of the name Yahweh, and the word Chanan, means, to show favour, be gracious, have pity, granted amnesty)

Now that you know the definition of the names of the three Apostles that Messiah chose to take with

Him to the mount of transfiguration, what do you think the message **IS**, that YHVH is communicating to us, through this event?

I believe that YHVH is telling us that when we willingly choose to Shema the Words of His Torah of Life, when we choose to follow in the footsteps of Messiah's Torah obedient life, when we follow at His heels, as these three Apostles chose to do, that we will bask in the glory of YHVH, and our spirit, not our flesh, will be transfigured with His, and we will be granted amnesty from all of our past Transgressions of the Words of His Torah, and be instilled with the zealous desire, to continue in this state of mind. It does **NOT** mean that from that point on, we will not make any mistakes, **BUT**, it does mean that we will be able recognize our mistakes and repent of them, to get back into a right relationship with YHVH.

*And Messiah lead them up into a high **mountain** apart by themselves: and He was **transfigured** before them.*

(Strong's number G3339, μεταμορφώω, metamorphoo, pronounced, met-am-or-fo'-o, it is from G3326 μετά, Meta, which is a primary preposition (often used adverbially); properly, denoting accompaniment; amid; and G3445, Morphoo, μορφώω, from the same as 3444; to fashion (figuratively) to form and together they mean to transform, (literally or figuratively, metamorphose, change, transfigure, transform)

*Verse 3 And His clothes became shining, exceeding **white** as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.*

Whiteness in Scripture denotes **purity**, and this incident of the **transfiguration** of Messiah, **IS** to show His disciples and all of **US**, that Messiah, who **IS**, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, **WAS, IS** and **ALWAYS WILL BE PURE**, faultless, sinless, and Scripture makes it very clear, that to be totally sinless, means that Messiah **WAS** and **STILL IS**, fully compliant with, and totally obedient to, **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, for **SIN** according to Scripture, *1John 3:4 IS* the transgressing of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

Therefore the **transfiguration** of Messiah was to emphasize to **ALL** who saw it, and to all of us, who are reading about it, that we too, like our **transfigured** Messiah, **MUST** choose to believe, follow and obey all the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, as Messiah did and taught us to do, for Messiah, **IS** the example that our heavenly Father wants all of us to emulate, **He wants all of us to have the mind or Mindset of Messiah**, so that we too, can be Pure and Holy as He is Pure and Holy, and the beginning of that journey, starts with resting on the Shabbat, and commune with YHVH as we are commanded to do in Scripture.

*Verse 4 And there appeared unto them Elijah*

(אֱלִיָּהוּ, Eli Yah, or Eli Yahu, where the word Eli means my Elohim, and the name Yah, or Yahu is a short form of the Name Yahweh, therefore together they mean My Elohim **IS** Yahweh, and Eliyahu was a Tishbite, תִּשְׁבִּי, from the land of Gilad, and the word Tishbite or Tishbi, is related to the word Teshuv, תָּשׁוּב, which means to turn to, or return, and Elijah always turned to the Ways of YHVH. In *Kings 17:1* it says

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלִיָּהוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי מִתִּשְׁבֵי גִלְעָד, which means: And said Eliyahu HaTishbiy Metoshavey Gilad, which is translated as, And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants

of Gilead, said. This tells us that Elijah was a *sojourner* מְתָשְׁבִי who attached himself to Yisrael, the family of YHVH. Therefore I believe that Eliyahu represents all the people that will eventually surrender their will to YHVH's will, and choose to live in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of His Torah of Life, and become a sojourner, who is part of YHVH's family Yisrael, and that my friends IS speaking of you and I.

#### *With Mosheh*

(מֹשֶׁה, Mosheh, means, to be drawn out of, it is defined from the word that David spoke to Yahweh, in *2Samuel 22: 17*, where David said, the words, **He (YHVH) יִמְשְׁנֵנִי** YaMsheniy, **drew me out**, מִמַּיִם, MiMayim **of the waters**, רַבִּיּוֹם **Rabiym, many**. The word, YaMsheniy is from the word Mashah, מָשַׁח which means **to draw out of**, and therefore, based on the definition of this word, Mashah, which is the exact same spelling as the word Mosheh, we can deduce that this word, represents **ALL** the Words that are written in the Torah, and YHVH said to Mosheh in *Exodus 19:9 Lo, I YHVH, come unto you, Mosheh in a thick cloud, WHY? So that the people may hear, so that the people may Shema, so that the people may hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey the Words) that I speak with You Mosheh (the Words of My Torah of Life), and BELIEVE YOU FOR EVER. And Mosheh told the words of the people unto YHVH)*

*And Eliyahu and Mosheh were talking with Yeshua.*

I believe that Mosheh represents the Torah, and in this scenario Mosheh also represents the people of Judah who were willingly obedient to the Words of His Torah, and Elijah the Tishbite, represents Ephraim, who are the people that long to **turn to** and or **return to** the Ways and the Words of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, therefore, I believe that Elijah the Tishbite, the foreigner, represents **YOU** and **ME**, who have been banished into the Diaspora. Therefore to me, this represents the restoration of the house of Yisrael, where the stick of Judah is put together with the stick of Ephraim, to make Yisrael one family again.

*Verse 5 And Peter answered and said to Yeshua, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make **three** tabernacles; one for You, and one for Mosheh, and one for Elijah. 6 For Peter did **NOT** know **WHAT** to say; for they were sore **afraid**. 7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son: hear **Shema Him***

(hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey Him, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh)

Now put yourself in Peter's shoes, and tell me what you would say if you were under a cloud that overshadowed you, and you saw Messiah being **transfigured** and shining brighter than the sun, and then, heard a voice come out of the clouds saying: *This is My beloved Son: hear ,shema Him.*

Well, I for one do not blame Peter for being afraid, because, what he is witnessing is something out of the ordinary and could be very disconcerting.

*Verse 8 And **suddenly**, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Yeshua only with themselves.*

Here we are told that the scene changed in an instant, and that when they looked up, Mosheh and

Elijah were gone. This means that these three Apostles, did **NOT** have a lot of time to process what had just happened and they were confused, and then Messiah tells them in *verse 9*  
*And as they came down from the mountain, Messiah charged them that they should NOT tell any man what things they had seen, until the Son of man were risen from the dead. 10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.*

To add to their confusion, Messiah tells them, that they are **NOT** to tell anyone about this incident, until the Son of Man **IS risen from the dead**. The reason I say it adds to their confusion, is because they did **NOT** know what Messiah meant, when He said, don't say anything about this, **UNTIL I am risen from the dead**, which means that they had **NOT** been taught this by the Priests, Pharisees, the Scribes, nor the Rabbis, which tells us, that these so called teachers of the people of Yisrael, **were NOT teaching the sacred Words of YHVH's Torah of Life**, or else, they would of known of this very important event that was prophesied to happen in the Words of the Torah of YHVH and the Prophets.

This is a very important piece of information, for the Sadducee, the Pharisees and the Rabbis **ARE** suppose to be the teachers of the people of Yisrael, and as the teachers of Yisrael, they **should have known and taught** the people, that a Messiah, our Saviour, would be sent to teach them, that **ALL** people should walk in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and that He would be crucified on their behalf, because, **NO ONE** was actually obeying the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and therefore, the only conclusion that we can arrive at, base on what Mark says, IS that **ALL** the people of Yisrael were sinning, whether they knew it or not, for all had fallen short of the glory of Elohim. This makes it very clear that they were following the traditions of their fathers, the doctrines of men; their man made oral torah, and therefore, whether they knew it or not, **THEY WERE CONDEMNED TO DEATH**, because, according to Scripture, the wages of **SIN**, the wages of transgressing the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, **IS DEATH**. Which means that they, like us, **NEED** a Saviour.

*Verse 11 And they asked Him, saying, WHY say the Scribes that Elijah must come first? 12 And Messiah answered and told them, Elijah verily DOES comes first, and restores all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that He must suffer many things, and be set at nought. 13 BUT I Messiah, say unto you, That Elijah IS indeed come already, and they have done unto him whatsoever they wanted, AS it is written of him.*

Again, it is obvious, that what Messiah is saying **IS NEWS** to His disciples, **BUT** it would not have been news to them, **IF** the Sadducees, Pharisees and Rabbis had been teaching YHVH's eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of life, instead of the doctrines of men.

*Verse 14 And when He came to His disciples, He saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. 15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld Him, were greatly amazed, and running to Him, they saluted him. 16 And He asked the scribes, What questions are you asking them? 17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto You my son, who has a dumb (mute) spirit; 18 And wherever he takes him, he tears him:*

(Strong's number G4486 ῥήγνυμι, rhēgnymi, pronounced, hrayg'-noo-mee, or ῥήσσω, hēssō, pronounced hrace'-so, both are prolonged forms of the word ῥήκω, rhēkō, which appears only in certain forms, and is itself probably a strengthened form of agnumi (see in 2608); which means, to break, wreck or crack, i.e. especially, to sunder by separation of the parts; 2608 being its intensive, with the preposition in composition, and 2352 a shattering to minute

fragments; but not a reduction to the constituent particles, like 3089, or disrupt, lacerate; by implication, to **convulse with spasms**; figuratively, to give vent to joyful emotions, break forth, burst, rend, tear, **thrashing**)

*And he foams, and gnashes with his teeth, and pines away:*

That my friends sounds like an **epileptic fit or seizure**. An epileptic seizure, is a brief episode of abnormal excessive or synchronous neuronal activity in the brain. The outward effect can vary from **wild thrashing** movement, called tonic-clonic seizure, to as mild as a brief loss of awareness, called absence seizure. The syndrome of recurrent, unprovoked seizures, is termed epilepsy, but seizures can occur in people who do not have epilepsy. Normally, salivary glands in our mouth produces saliva, which is ingested. But, during a seizure, all of our smooth and skeletal muscles go into **tonic state, a state of contraction**; which leads to **hyper excretion** of saliva from glands, plus sometimes tongue, which is in tonic state, and blocks our esophageal entry. And this excessive amount of saliva in our mouth, presents as **foaming** during seizures.

This is the same mechanism, which causes foaming due to some neurotoxic poisons.

Here, we are being led to believe that this poor child, was somehow possessed by some kind of demon, and yet, his symptoms are symptoms of an epileptic seizure, and his father tells Messiah that His disciples were **NOT** able to cure him of his epileptic seizures. Again and again we are bombarded with stories of people being **possessed** by the devil or demons, and that is **NOT TRUE**, it is a fabrication of man made religions, and they made up these stories, so that they could have full control over their followers. The Creator of the universe, has shown us in the book of Iyov, Job what He has allowed satan to do, and please remember that satan is a being that YHVH created. *Job 1:10-13 Have You NOT made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he has on every side? You YHVH, have blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But IF You put forth Your hand now, and touch ALL that he has, he, Iyov WILL CURSE You to Your Face. And YHVH said unto satan, Behold, All that he has (his possessions) is in your power; only upon himself DO NOT put forth your hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of YHVH.* Therefore all satan can do IS, trouble, lie, torment deceive and cheat people, and try to convince them that they can be possessed by devils, and if and when people believe his lies, his nonsense, they become slaves to what they believe, their consciences are suppressed, and therefore they are easily led into doing evil deeds. **BUT**, as you can see, the Creator has put limits on what satan can do, and satan **CANNOT** surpass those boundaries, for there is only **ONE** ultimate authority, and it is **NOT** satan, it is our Creator YHVH. Furthermore, as I said above, what this boy is going through, sounds a lot like the boy was having epileptic fit, that made him thrash around like a fish out of water, and based on how superstitious people were and still are today, it is easy to understand that someone could believe that this boy was possessed by a devil, when they saw him writhing on the ground in the midst of a fit.

*And I spoke to Your disciples that they should cast him out; BUT they could NOT. 19 Messiah answered him, and said, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him unto me.*

In Deuteronomy 7:9-15 it says: *Know therefore that YHVH your Elohim, He is Elohim, the faithful Elohim, who Keeps Covenant and Mercy with them that Love Him AND Keep his Commandments (the Words of His Torah of Life) to a thousand generations; And repays them that hate Him to their*

face, to **destroy them**: He **WILL NOT** be slack to him that **hates Him**, He **will repay him** to his face. You **SHALL** therefore **KEEP** the Commandments, and the Statutes, and the Judgments, (the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life) which I command you this day, **TO DO THEM**. Therefore it **SHALL** come to pass, **IF** you hearken, (**IF** you shema, **IF** you hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey) these Judgments, and **KEEP**, and **DO THEM**, then YHVH your Elohim **SHALL KEEP** unto **YOU** the Covenant and the Mercy which He swore unto your fathers: And He **WILL** love **YOU**, and **BLESS YOU**, and **MULTIPLY YOU**: He **WILL** also bless the fruit of your womb, and the fruit of your land, your grain, and your wine, and your oil, the increase of your kine, and the flocks of your sheep, in the land which He **swore** unto your fathers to give you. You **SHALL** be blessed **above ALL people**: **there SHALL NOT** be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. And YHVH **WILL TAKE AWAY FROM YOU ALL SICKNESS**, (including epilepsy) and will put **NONE** of the evil diseases (plagues) of Egypt, which you know, **UPON YOU**; **BUT WILL** lay them upon all them that **Hate YOU**.

Since Messiah said: *O faithless generation*, it means that this man, his family and most, if not all of the Jewish community, were **NOT** walking in loving surrendered obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and therefore, they suffered all kinds of illnesses, which many attributed to being possessed by the devil, **BUT**, just like the blind man that Messiah and His disciple encountered in *John 9:1-7* was **NOT** possessed by the Devil, so too was this sick child **NOT** possessed by the devil or a demon, he was simply very ill.

*John 9:1-7 And as Yeshua passed by, He saw a man who was blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, Master, WHO DID SIN, was it this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?*

Could it be that this situation herein Mark, with the boy that I believe had epileptic fits, also happened, just to show the glory of Elohim.

Unfortunately, the **mindset** of these people here in *Mark 9* **IS** the very **same mindset that is in most, if not all of the people who are involved in man made religions of today, including Christianity and Judaism**. But as you can see, this man was **NOT** blind because of something that he or his parents had done, he was **NOT** possessed by the devil or some kind of demon, he was made blind at birth so that the glory of Elohim could be shown at a later date, a date that was designated by our heavenly Father.

*Yeshua answered, Neither has this man sinned, nor his parents: BUT that the works of Elohim should be MADE MANIFEST IN HIM. I Messiah, must work the WORKS of HIM THAT SENT ME, while it is day: the night comes, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world. When He had thus spoken, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.*

There is no doubt that YHVH does indeed **work** in many mysterious ways, according to **OUR** finite understanding, **BUT**, since He has an infinite mind, that possesses infinite wisdom, then, we should believe what He tells us, for He only speaks **TRUTH**.

*Verse 20 And they brought the boy unto Him: and when Messiah saw him, straightway the spirit tore him; and the boy fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. 21 And Messiah asked his father, How*

long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. 22 And oftentimes it has cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: **BUT** if You can do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

If you have ever witnessed a person going through an epileptic fit, you know that it tosses them, all over the place, and if there is an open fire nearby, he or she could quite easily roll into that fire, and it is **NOT** a demon that causes this to happen, it is the epileptic seizure, therefore, it is the disease that this boy has, that causes these things to happen to him.

Verse 23 Yeshua said unto him, If you can **BELIEVE, THEN, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE** to him that believes.

After reading verse 23, I would refer you back to what YHVH said in *Deuteronomy 9:15* **And YHVH WILL TAKE AWAY FROM YOU ALL SICKNESS**, (including epilepsy) and will put **NONE** of the evil diseases (plagues) of Egypt, which you know, **UPON YOU; BUT WILL** lay them upon all them that Hate **YOU**.

Verse 24 And straightway the father of the child **cried out**, and said with tears, Master, **I BELIEVE; BUT** please **HELP** my unbelief.

The father is so desperate to have his child healed from this disease that he pleads with Messiah to **help him BELIEVE**, for he is afraid that on his own, **his belief is NOT strong enough**. Here we have to stop and remember what Messiah said in *Matthew 17:20* *And Yeshua said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I Messiah, say unto you, If you have BELIEF (faith) the size of the grain of a mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, Remove from here to another place; it shall remove; and NOTHING shall be impossible unto you.*

Verse 25 When Yeshua saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the foul spirit, (Messiah actually rebuked the illness, the epilepsy) saying unto to this **disease**, You dumb and deaf spirit (you epileptic disease), I charge you, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

This is a picture of Messiah healing this man's son from a disease, that was allowed to come upon him, because his parents did **NOT** follow nor obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life and therefore, they did **NOT diligently teach their child** to obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as our Father has commanded all parents to do in the Shema, therefore YHVH did **NOT** take all illnesses away from them.

Verse 26 And the spirit **cried**, and rent him sore, and came out of him:

Now another explanation for this, is that this boy was indeed **having an epileptic seizure when Messiah healed him**, which means, that the boy could have been making all kinds of weird noises and thrashing all over the place, when our heavenly Father removed the epilepsy from him through Messiah. Once the boy was healed, we are told in the balance of verse 26:

And he was **AS** one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. 27 **BUT** Yeshua took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

Now when I read this part of *Mark 9*, this is what I pictured. The healing of this boy from epilepsy, appears to me in the spiritual, as this boy being converted from the evil ways of this world, the diseases of Egypt, and finally choosing to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and because he has made that choice, Messiah **lifts him up** and he becomes part of the Living again. It could also be a picture of his old man being put to death, and the new man arising from the bondage that he was in, the diseased ways of Egypt, or it could be a picture of Messiah/YHVH raising this boy from the dead, on resurrection day and then guiding and leading him into His everlasting kingdom to spend eternity with Him. It is up to you, to decide which scenario you want to believe, for they are all valid interpretations of these events.

*Verse 28 And when He was come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, **Why** could we **NOT** cast (this disease) out of him? 29 And Messiah said unto them, This kind (of disease), cannot be removed by nothing, other than, **by PRAYER and fasting.***

*Proverbs 28:4 They that forsake the Torah **PRAISE** the wicked: **BUT** the people that choose to **keep** the Words of the Torah contend with them.*

*Proverbs 28: 7 Whosoever keeps the Words of the Torah of YHVH, **IS** a wise son: **BUT** he that is a companion of riotous men, (those who do **NOT** keep the Words of YHVH's Torah of life) shames his father.*

*Proverbs 28: 9 He that turns away his ear from hearing (from choosing to shema) the Torah, even his prayer **SHALL be an abomination.***

To have our prayers answered depends on how we choose to believe, follow and obey YHVH's Directives for everlasting Life. It is obvious, by the words of *Mark 9* and in many other places in Scripture, that Messiah's disciples were lacking belief, therefore, since their belief was **NOT** strong enough, their prayers had not yet risen to the size of a mustard seed, therefore their prayers were **NOT** sufficient to remove this disease from this boy.

*Verse 30 And they departed from there, and passed through Galilee; and Messiah did **NOT** want that any man should know it. 31 For He taught His disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and **THEY SHALL KILL HIM**; and after that He is killed, He shall **Rise again on the Third Day.** 32 But they did **NOT** understand that saying, and were afraid to ask Him.*

As I mentioned before, Messiah says that in the Scroll of the Book it is written of Me, which means that this impending event of Him coming to earth, and preaching that all people should turn to or return to the Ways and the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and then being crucified by the decree of the Pharisees, because, He was teaching that all people should obey the Words of the Written Torah of Mosheh, and then rising from the dead three days later, should **NOT have been a surprise to them, and YET**, we are told that they did **NOT understand what Messiah was talking about.** The reason they did **NOT** understand what Messiah meant, is because they were **never taught** that Messiah would first come as a suffering servant teaching people to return to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and that after He had been put to death and placed in a Tomb, He would, three days and three nights later, **RISE** from the dead, be taken up to heaven to sit at the Right Hand of the Father, and then, return at a later date, designated by our heavenly Father, as a conquering king, coming back for His spotless, Torah obedient Bride, who happen to be, **ALL** the people who will willingly choose to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly

Father's Torah of Life, that He Messiah taught them, BUT, slaying all those who have chosen **NOT** to believe, follow, **NOR** obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

This tells us that those who were supposed to be the shepherd's of Yisrael, the Sadducees, the Pharisees, the Rabbis, were **NOT** teaching the Words of the Father's Written Torah of Life, or else **ALL** the people would have known that this event was going to happen, and governed their lives accordingly.

*Verse 33 And He came to Capernaum: and being in the house, He asked them, What was it that you disputed among yourselves by the way? 34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, **WHO** should be the greatest.*

They should know by now that they cannot hide anything from Messiah, for He is filled with the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father who makes Him aware of all things.

*Verse 35 And He sat down, and called the twelve together, and said unto them, If any man **desires to be FIRST**, then that same man **SHALL** be last of all, and a servant of all.*

Do you understand what that verse means? It means that **IF** you do **NOT** have a servants heart, then on judgement day, when all people are resurrected, **you will be last of all**, and that is not a position that I wish on anyone, therefore I would recommend that all of us, choose to work hard at developing a servants heart, which is much easier said than done.

To show them what He meant by becoming a servant to all, we are told in *verse 36 that Messiah took a child, and set him in the midst of the disciples: and when Messiah had taken the child in His arms, Messiah said unto them, 37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in My Name, receives Me:*

What are the qualities that define what a child is? A child is an **innocent** human being, and **quite willing to believe everything that his parents tell him**. Therefore, that means that we are to receive all people as **IF** they were innocent, we must esteem them better than us (*Philippians 2:3*), for we do **NOT** know what is in a person's heart, **BUT**, we know what can, and often does lurk in our own hearts, and some of it, at times, **IS NOT** very pretty. So, if we can learn to receive people as Messiah receives people, with love in our hearts, and treat them as innocent children, then Messiah says it is like receiving Him.

*And whosoever shall receive Me, does **NOT** really receive Me, **BUT** he actually receives Him, that sent Me.*

Now Messiah raises it to yet another level, He says that **IF** we receive people as innocent children, it means that we are receiving Him, **BUT** Messiah goes on to say, that when we receive Him, it is **NOT** really Messiah that we receive, **BUT** we receive our heavenly Father.

Now this is an extremely important distinction, for it tells us, that Messiah **IS** like our heavenly Father, for **IF**, when we receive Messiah, we are actually receiving our heavenly Father, **THEN** that means that we also receive **ALL** the things of the Father, it means that we receive **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life. **BUT** the church fathers of Christianity teach, that the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life have somehow been **nailed to the cross and done away with**. Therefore, **IF**

they truly reject the Words of the written Torah of YHVH, then we have to ask, have they really received Messiah, since Messiah says that when we receive Him we are actually receiving our heavenly Father? The answer is of course is a resounding **NO**, they are **NOT** receiving Messiah, they are **NOT** receiving the Words of our heavenly Father's Living Torah made flesh, the Words that came directly from the Mouth of our heavenly Father, they are receiving the words of some other entity.

*Verse 38 And John answered Him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in Your Name, and he does NOT follow us: and therefore we forbade him, because he does NOT follow us.*

Here we see that Messiah's disciples thought that they were in an **exclusive club** and that no one else could teach the words of Messiah **unless** they belonged to their club. It is akin to saying that our denominational doctrine is ours and no one else can share that doctrine unless they are in our club.

And what did Messiah say.

*Verse 39 But Yeshua said, do NOT forbid him:*

**WHY?**

*For there is no man who shall do a miracle in My Name, that can lightly speak evil of Me. 40 For he that is NOT against us, is on our part.*

This is something new, for most people, for Messiah says that anyone that does **NOT** speak evil of Him, and please remember that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, therefore Messiah is saying, anyone that does **NOT** speak evil of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, is **NOT** against Messiah, and Messiah says they are on our part.

Here again, the question has to be asked, are the people that have chosen to **nail the Words of the Torah of YHVH to the cross**, the people that believe and teach that the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, have somehow been abolished, and or, done away with, in whole or in part, are they **NOT** speaking **EVIL** of Messiah, and **IF** they are speaking **EVIL** of Messiah, then Messiah Himself says they are **NOT** of Me.

*Verse 41 For Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in My Name, because you belong to Messiah, verily I say unto you, he shall NOT lose his reward.*

Now it is very important that we understand the implications of what Messiah is saying here, for Messiah, who **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **SAYS**, whosoever gives His disciples a cup of water in His Name, because you (My Disciples) belong to Me, shall **NOT** lose his reward.

Since Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, then that means that anyone that belongs to Him, is by default keeping and doing all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life or else they would **NOT** belong to Messiah. That therefore means that Messiah's disciples lived by, and taught the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and **IF** anyone believes that the Words of the Torah of YHVH, have somehow been abolished, or done away with, in whole or in part, **THEN** they **CANNOT** be the ones that are giving Messiah's disciples a cup of water, and if they do **NOT** give Messiah's disciples **a cup of water**, it means that they will **NOT** get the reward, and the reward that this is talking about, **IS** everlasting Life in the kingdom of Elohim.

*Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that BELIEVES IN ME, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, It would be better for that person to have a millstone hung about their neck, and be cast into the sea.*

**WHY?**

Because if a person gets tossed into the sea, even though he has a millstone wrapped around his neck, he can still be rescued, if they repent and call upon YHVH to save them, **BUT, IF** they are tossed into the lake of fire, there is no return for them.

Then Messiah makes comparisons to make His point, He says in comparison #1, in *verse 43*  
*And if your hand offends you, cut it off:*

**WHY?**

**BECAUSE, IT IS BETTER** for you to enter into **LIFE** maimed,

(Here the word Life means everlasting Life, in the kingdom of Elohim)

*Than having two hands to go into Ge'enna, (translated as hell) into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm does NOT DIE, and the fire is NOT quenched.*

The word Ge'enna is Strong's number G1067 γέεννα, Géenna, pronounced, gheh'-en-nah, it is of Hebrew origin (H1516 and H2011); valley of (the son of) Hinnom; Ge-henna (or Ge-Hinnom), a valley of Jerusalem, used (figuratively) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment.

In comparison #2 in *verse 45* *And if your foot offends you, cut it off:*

**WHY?**

**BECAUSE, IT IS BETTER** for you to enter as a cripple into **LIFE**,

(Here the word Life means everlasting Life, in the kingdom of Elohim)

*Than having two feet to be cast into Ge'enna, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm does NOT DIE, and the fire is NOT quenched.*

In comparison #3, in *verse 47* *And if your eye offend you, pluck it out:*

**WHY?**

**BECAUSE IT IS BETTER** for you to enter into the kingdom of Elohim with one eye,

(Here there is no doubt that YHVH is speaking of the kingdom of Elohim, which represents eternal salvation, therefore, Messiah is saying that entering into the kingdom of Elohim, which is a picture of eternal salvation, is worth much more than perfect eyesight)

*Than having two eyes to be cast into Ge'enna fire: 48 Where their worm does NOT DIE, and the fire is NOT quenched.*

In these three comparisons Messiah makes it very clear that

1 – It is better to obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, even though we will more than likely suffer in this world because of our obedience, but willingly choosing to obey the Words of His Torah of Life, will ensure that we do indeed enter into His everlasting kingdom,

2 – It is better to obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, than **NOT** to obey His Words, just so that we can fit into this world system that actually rejects, abhors and has the mindset of abolishing everything that both the Father and the Son represent, just so they can fit the mold of the world system of the day, and not be hated, as Messiah and His disciples were hated, and then suffer for eternity because of it.

Janice asked me what the words *Where their worm does NOT DIE, and the fire is NOT quenched*, actually meant?

Her concern was, *IF* they are cast into Gehenna, which is wrongfully translated as *hell*, how can their worm *NOT DIE*? For *IF* their worm does *NOT DIE*, then does that not mean that they are punished forever?

The word worm is Strong's number G4663 σκόληξ, skōlēx, pronounced, sko'-lakes, of uncertain derivation; but it means, a grub, maggot or earth-worm

The picture that YHVH is painting here with the worm analogy, where the worm of the people that wilfully rejected and rebelled against the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, does NOT die and the fire is *NOT* quenched, is not about our physical lives, because all people, the good and the bad will all die, therefore, this is speaking of eternity. I believe that YHVH is telling the people that have chosen to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, will be invited into our heavenly Father's everlasting kingdom, to spend eternity with Him and His Son, our conquering king and bridegroom, *BUT* those that have chosen to reject and rebel against the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, will be sent to their second death and be lost for eternity. Therefore the picture that is painted by YHVH, where He says their worm does not die and the fire is NOT quenched, is a metaphor, describing the fact that the punishment for rejecting the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life *IS*, never ending, which simply means that the punishment, the second death in the lake of Fire *IS* permanent, there is no coming back from the second death.

*Verse 49 For every one shall be salted with fire,*

That means that everyone will be tested by fire, which is a metaphor for, adversity, challenges, and or tribulations, to see how we respond to any and all of these adversities. Please remember that YHVH says that He is a consuming Fire, which means that He will consume all of the Sins, all the Torah transgressions, of the people of His Torah obedient family, that confess and repent of them, but the lake of fire will consume all those that do *NOT* repent of their transgressions of the Words of His Torah of Life, but rebel against His Torah, and the fire will consume the souls of those people.

*And every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.*

All of our deeds, all of the sacrifices that we have made in our lives will be tested by YHVH, to see if they are worthy of being preserved, or if they should be tossed aside, and no value attached to them.

*Verse 50 Salt is good:*

Salt is a metaphor for the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, for like salt, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, is also a preservative for it preserves the lives of people that willingly and lovingly choose to obey it, just like salt preserves food, and furthermore, it prepares people to enter into everlasting Life with Messiah in the Kingdom of Elohim.

*WHY* is salt Good, Tov? Salt functions in the manner that YHVH created it to function, it preserves whatever it is applied to, which means that *IF* we are salted, if we are covered with what preserves

Life, which according to Scripture, **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, for YHVH says many times throughout Scripture, that obedience to the Words of His Torah, **IS LIFE TO ALL** who choose to willingly and lovingly obey it. The metaphor is simple, **IF** we are covered by and with the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, then, we too will be preserved into eternity, by those very Words.

Then Messiah continues and gives us a warning, He says:

***BUT IF*** the salt have lost his saltiness, wherewith will you season it?

Here we are asked what happens **IF** the salt has lost its **saltiness**, which means, what happens when the salt has been so polluted, that it can no longer perform the function of preserving things? Then, according to Messiah, that salt, the words of the Torah that you have mixed together with the Words of man made doctrines of the world, as Judaism, Catholicism and Christianity has done, that salt my friends, is useless, and will not preserve anything.

Therefore that is why Messiah Himself tells us in the balance of *verse 50*, *Have salt* (the Words of My Torah) *in yourselves, and have peace one with another.*

Here Messiah commands us to have **SALT** within us, and salt, as I said above, is a metaphor for the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, therefore, Messiah is telling us to have the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life within us, and when we do, we will be following the advice that Paul gave us in *Philippians 4:6-9*

*Be anxious for nothing; BUT in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto Elohim. And the PEACE of Elohim, which passes ALL understanding, SHALL keep your hearts and minds through Messiah Yeshua, the Living Torah made flesh.*

*Finally, brethren,*

*Whatsoever things are TRUE, (Torah, for the Words of Torah ARE TRUTH)*

*Whatsoever things are honest,*

*Whatsoever things are just,*

*Whatsoever things are pure,*

*Whatsoever things are lovely,*

*Whatsoever things are of good report;*

***IF*** *there is any virtue, and*

***IF*** *there be any praise,*

*Think on these things. AND those things, which you have both learned, received, heard, and seen in me, Paul, DO: and the Elohim of peace SHALL BE WITH YOU.*

And to make sure that you know what was **EMBEDDED** on Paul's heart, and what he taught, let's read:

*Acts 24:12-14 And the Pharisees and Sadducees, the religious leaders NEITHER found me, Paul, in the temple, disputing with any man, NEITHER raising up the people, NEITHER in the synagogues, NOR in the city: NEITHER can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me of. BUT THIS I PAUL CONFESS UNTO YOU, that after the WAY which they (these Torahless leaders) call heresy,*

so I worship the Elohim of my fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, **BELIEVING ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE TORAH (LAW) AND IN THE PROPHETS: And therefore I have hope toward Elohim, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.**

Furthermore, Messiah's disciples who were in Jerusalem confirm that Paul followed and obeyed the Words of the Torah.

*Acts 21:16-24 And when I, Paul, and my disciples were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us **gladly**. And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were **present**. And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things Elohim had wrought among the Gentiles by **his ministry**. And when they **HEARD IT, THEY GLORIFIED YHVH**, and said unto him, You see, brother; how many thousands of Jews there are, who **believe; and they are ALL ZEALOUS OF THE TORAH (Law)**: And they have been informed that, you Paul, teach **ALL** the Jews who are among the Gentiles to **FORSAKE** Moses, saying that **THEY OUGHT NOT TO CIRCUMCISE THEIR CHILDREN, NEITHER TO WALK AFTER THE CUSTOMS**. What is it therefore? It is imperative that the multitude **NEEDS TO COME TOGETHER**: for **THEY WILL HEAR THAT YOU, PAUL ARE COME**. Therefore Do **WHAT** we tell you to do: We have four men here, who have a vow on them; Take them, and purify yourself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and **ALL MAY KNOW** that those things, whereof they were informed **CONCERNING YOU, ARE FALSE, THEY ARE NOTHING; BUT THAT YOU YOURSELF ALSO WALK ORDERLY, AND KEEP ALL THE WORDS OF THE TORAH**. Amein.*

*Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.*

*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amein*