

The Bramble King

Mark 10: 35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

36 “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

37 They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

The road to greatness always
leads to the cross.

Judges 9: 7 When Jotham was told about this, he climbed up on the top of Mount Gerizim and shouted to them, “Listen to me, citizens of Shechem, so that God may listen to you. 8 One day the trees went out to anoint a king for themselves. They said to the olive tree, ‘Be our king.’

9 “But the olive tree answered, ‘Should I give up my oil, by which both gods and humans are honored, to hold sway over the trees?’

Judges 9: 10 “Next, the trees said to the fig tree,
‘Come and be our king.’

11 “But the fig tree replied, ‘Should I give up my
fruit, so good and sweet, to hold sway over the
trees?’

12 “Then the trees said to the vine, ‘Come and be
our king.’

Judges 9: 13 “But the vine answered, ‘Should I give up my wine, which cheers both gods and humans, to hold sway over the trees?’

14 “Finally all the trees said to the thornbush, ‘Come and be our king.’

Judges 9: 15 “The thornbush said to the trees, ‘If you really want to anoint me king over you, come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, then let fire come out of the thornbush and consume the cedars of Lebanon!’

“A MAN’S GREATEST WORK IS TO BREAK HIS ENEMIES, TO DRIVE THEM BEFORE HIM, TO TAKE FROM THEM ALL THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN THEIRS, TO HEAR THE WEEPING OF THOSE WHO CHERISHED THEM, TO TAKE THEIR HORSES BETWEEN HIS KNEES AND TO PRESS IN HIS ARMS THE MOST DESIRABLE OF THEIR WOMEN.”

–GENGHIS KHAN

Mark 10: 38 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

39 “We can,” they answered.

Mark 10: Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.

Mark 10: 42 Jesus called them together and said,
“You know that those who are regarded as rulers of
the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high
officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so
with you. Instead, **whoever wants to become great
among you**

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You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You don't have to know Plato and Aristotle. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics. *You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.*

- Martin Luther King Jr.



LIKE ANYBODY, I WOULD
LIKE TO LIVE A LONG LIFE.
LONGEVITY HAS ITS PLACE.
BUT I'M NOT CONCERNED
ABOUT THAT NOW. I JUST
WANT TO DO GOD'S WILL.
AND HE'S ALLOWED ME TO
GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN.
AND I'VE LOOKED OVER.



AND I'VE SEEN THE
PROMISED LAND. I MAY
NOT GET THERE WITH
YOU. BUT I WANT YOU
TO KNOW TONIGHT,
THAT WE, AS A PEOPLE,
WILL GET TO THE
PROMISED LAND! AND
SO, I'M HAPPY TONIGHT.



I'M NOT WORRIED
ABOUT ANYTHING. I'M
NOT FEARING ANY
MAN!

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN
THE GLORY OF THE
COMING OF THE LORD!

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