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 them.   
 saluted him. about them, and the scribes questioning with   
 ye with them? straightway all the people, when they   
 him unto me. were greatly amazed, and running to him   
 ech.i.28 16 And he asked f the scribes, What question   
 17 And one of the multitude answered   
 and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which   
 hath a dumb spirit ; 18 and wheresoever he taketh him, he   
 teareth him : and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth,   
 and & pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they   
 should cast him out; and they could not. 19 He an-   
 swereth 86 4im, and saith, O faithless generation, how long   
 shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring   
 2% And they brought him unto him: and   
 hewhen he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and   
 he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. \* And he   
 asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto   
 him? And he said, Of achild. \* And ofttimes it hath   
 cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him :   
 but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us,   
   
   
   
   
 ft read, them.   
 & or, becometh rigid. ff or, unto him.   
 88 read, them.   
 h yender, when the spirit saw him, straightway it tare him.   
 day following the transfiguration, Luke, 18.] The words rendered pineth away may   
 ver. 37, 14.] The scribes were pro- perhaps mean becomes dry or stiff.   
 bably boasting over the disciples, rea- 19.) O faithless not addressed   
 soning from their inability that of their to the man, unbelieving,—nor to the   
 Master also. As Stier remarks, ciples,—but generally, to the race and   
 is hardly such another contrast to be generation among whom the Lord’s minis-   
 found in the Gospel as this, between the try was fulfilled. additional words   
 open heaven and the sons of glory the perverse” (Matthew, Luke) are probably   
 mount, and the valley of tears with its from Deut. xxxii. see further ib. 20,   
 terrible forms of and pain and un- where “faithless” is also expressed by   
 belief. I have already the notes to Mat- “children in whom is no faith.” The   
 thew spoken of the noble use made of this question is asked in a spirit longing   
 contrast in the last grandest picture to be gone from them, but of holy im-   
 of the greatest of painters—the Trans- patience of their hardness of heart and   
 figuration Raffaele. 15.] The Lord’s unbelief. In this the father, disciples,   
 countenance probably retained traces of Scribes, and multitude are equally in-   
 the glory on the mount; 20 strong words volved. “The kingdom of Satan, in   
 as were greatly amazed would hardly small and great, is ever stirred into a   
 have been used merely of their surprise flercer by the coming near of the   
 at His sudden approach : see Exod. kingdom of Christ. Satan has great   
 29, 30. That brightness, however, terri- wrath, when his time is short” (Trench,   
 fied the people: this attracts them: see Mir. 865). \_ Vv. 21—27 are peculiar to   
 2 Cor. iii. 7-18. 16.] them (first Mark. 21.] The Lord takes occasion   
 time), i.e. multitude,’ ding the to enquire thus of the father, to bring \*   
 Scribes as a part of the multitude. One in the trial of his 22.) See   
 of the multitude answers. 17.] unto Matthew, ver. 15. if thou canst do any   
 ee—i. e. intended to do so, not being thing] This bespeaks, any faith, at   
 aware of His absence. Luke, ver. 38, but a very ignorant and weak one.   
 we learn that this his only us—the wretched father counts his child’s   
 dumb, i.e. causing and dumbness, misery his own: thus the Syrophenician   
 and fits epilepsy ; Luke xi. 14. woman, Matt. xv. 25, help