352 ST. LUKE. Ix.   
   
 were all amazed at the \* mighty power of God. But while   
 they wondered every one at all things which > Jesus did,   
 he said unto his disciples, + Let these sayings sink down   
 into your ears: for the Son of man ° shall be delivered into   
 the hands of men. \* But they understood not this say-   
 Boh. i100: ing, and it was hid from them, 4 that they perceived it not :   
 xvill. and they feared to ask him of that saying.   
 % Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of   
 them should be greatest. 47 And Jesus, perceiving the   
 thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,   
 and said unto them, ° Whosoever shall receive this child   
 in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me   
   
 oMatt.x.0. 48   
 John xil.   
 past x. receiveth him that sent me; Pfor he that is least among   
 afeeNum zl. all, the same fshall be great. #4 And John answered   
   
 and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy   
 name; and we &forbad him, because he followeth not   
 ® render, majesty. » read, he. © vender, is about to be.   
 4 render, that they might not perceive it.   
 © render, reasoning : it is the same word as in the last   
 ! read, is.   
 € literally, him.   
 22, 28. Mark ix. 80—82. 43, 44.) all 80, had not the narratives of St.   
 —the multitude—in contrast with “your Matthew and St. Mark, by mentioning an   
 ears” of ver. 44. these sayings, not, outward expression of thought,   
 as some, ‘the foregoing discouress and a temptation to discover a le   
 wonders :’—that would give no sense,—for Had our narrative stood by itself,   
 the disciples were thinking exclusively should have understood it, I do now, of   
 those already: nor strictly ‘what I am a dispute which had taken place or was   
 about to tell you,’ that these sayings taking place, and which, though not   
 should be identical in with “ thse actually spoken ont before the Lord, was   
 saying ” below, 45: but these sayings, to His discerning eye, that not   
 of which this was the second ;—‘ these only the words, but the disputing their   
 intimations which I make to you from thoughts, was known to Him. 48.)   
 time to time respecting My sufferings The discourse as here related has the   
 death.’ The Resurrection, ly men- closest and harmony. The dis-   
 tioned in the others, omitted here. pute had been, who (among the Twelve)   
 45.] Tho sense here is to be evaded by should be greatest,—i. e. in the   
 forcing it, as V., to mean ‘ that ¢. kingdom of heaven : for er greatness is   
 did not ...., but to beliterally poe + be thought of,—the minds of the   
 that they might not, asin It isciples being always on this, as just   
 was the divine purpose, that they about to appear; Lord reminds   
 not at present be of the fall them, that no such precedence is to be   
 cancy of these words. thought of among those sent in name;   
 - 46—60,.] BEBUKES THE DISOI- for that a little if thus sent,   
 PLES FOR THEIR EMULATION AND EX- clothed with His dignity; if there be   
 CLUSIVENESS. Matt. xviii. Mark ix. any distinction such, it this, that   
 88—40. The most detailed account is he who is like that child, and   
 Mark, where I have discussed the differ- i.e. nearest the spirit of Lord,   
 ences in the three narratives. 46.) he is the greatest. 49, 50.] On the   
 There is not the least to confine connexion of this answer with the pre-   
 the word reasoning to the sense an in- ceding, see on Mark. It is even more   
 ward doubt and questioning in the strikingly brought out here. Our Lord   
 of each ; indeed will venture to say had declared the absolute equality of   
 no interpreter would have thought of eent in His name—and that if there were