
"He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to Him." (Matthew 17:5)

I. Transfiguration

- a. *After six days* conveys to the reader the shortness of time between when Jesus says, "until they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom."
- b. Peter, James and John are part of the intimate "inner circle" that accompanies Jesus on the "high mountain."
- c. Transfiguration – the name given to events that transpired on the mountain.
- d. Three aspects of the event provide evidence to Sonship of Jesus Christ
- e. The visible alteration of Jesus demonstrates that he is more than a merely human teacher.
 1. Moses was in the presence and his face shone with a reflected glory of God and his face was covered with a veil.
 2. The glory of God reflected by Jesus covered His entire body and He wore no veil.
 3. Jesus' clothes become "white as light", not because of a light shining on Him, but because of the light shining out of Him from inside. His appearance was beyond anything on earth. (Mark 9:3)
- f. His association with Moses and Elijah demonstrates his messianic role.
 1. Moses and Elijah were both O.T. men but their faces are not shining. Only Jesus stands supreme demonstrating His greatness.
 2. Their significance: Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, which Jesus declared He is fulfilling (Matt. 5:17).
 3. Moses and Elijah performed signs and wonders. The O.T. major prophets did not perform miracles. The miracles of Moses and Elijah proved they were messengers of God.
 4. Moses and Elijah both had first hand experience with God and directly communicated with Him. It is the God's voice from heaven that directs the apostles to look alone to Jesus. These two are great but My Son is greater. "Listen to Him."
- g. The O.T. tabernacle is the place where God's glory was held.
- h. Why did Peter want to build three tabernacles? Perhaps he did not want to be exposed to God's consuming glory.

II. The Explanation

- a. Why is the coming of Elijah a matter of teaching? Just as Elijah and John the Baptist were cruelly mistreated in the world, so will Jesus.
- b. d.
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- c. What is the significance of Moses and Elijah being present?
- d.

III. Faith, Denial and Sacrifice (vv. 24-28)

- a. To

IV. No Fight, No Cross, No Victory

- a. Spiritual