

Jesus Transfigured Before Us

Let's pray: *Father we just come to You in Jesus' name...Lord, though many things are going on and Lord there's a lot of movement and noise around us, our hearts are still with You Jesus. Our hearts still long after You Lord, like in a dry and thirsty land, we are not satisfied with what we have of You. We are pressing, pressing in, pressing even towards the crowd, pressing past the crowd, just to touch the hem of Your garment. Just to touch You in such a way that what's in You will fill us. That women with the issue of blood did that and pressed passed the crowds. She said, "If I may but touch the hem of His garment, if I only just do that, I will be changed." We want reality Father, we want reality Holy Spirit. We want to see Jesus and we want to be transformed into that same image from glory to glory. We ask for it, we ling for it, we desire it. In Jesus' name, amen.*

I was praying along this line and this is one of those things I think we need reminders that our goal, the goal of our heart, not the goal of our church, the goal of our hearts is to make it about Jesus. That He *is* what it's about, that it's His time that our hearts are not going to be focused on us. That scripture in 2 Corinthians that speaks of that; that when we see Him, we will be changed. And that word "changed" is transformed. Much of my Christian life I've been greatly dealt with by the word transformed, compared to what I see happening in most of us. Not just us, everywhere. *Transformed*. I just want to be transformed and I want us to be transformed and in the Scripture the wording is changed; changed into that same image-not just changed, not just fixed. That's got to be our heart! Not just changed or not just fixed, but changed into that same image: transformed!

And the Scripture I felt like the Lord wanted me to share with you, it's out of Mark 9, *"And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them Elijah with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus."* And Luke says they were talking about the cross. *"And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. For he knew not what to say; for they were sore afraid. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only."* And I know we're all familiar with these Scriptures-that's our problem: we're familiar with these Scriptures. We're so familiar with this stuff that it doesn't *impact* us, it doesn't *create* something in us; and the very story here I think, makes that point. They're pulled aside by Jesus. Well isn't that us? Haven't we been

pulled aside by Jesus? Pulled aside by Jesus to be with Him, that's what it says, to be with Him, *"apart by themselves"*, to be apart with Jesus. And the next thing that it says is that he was transfigured before them. Ok? I'm trying to get an order here. They were taken apart, separated unto Him, they were set aside just for Jesus. Does that sound familiar? Then, Jesus was transfigured and in Luke it says that His countenance was changed. Meaning they were seeing Him the way He really is; His countenance was changed. And then this talks about even His garments glowing. And *then*, verse four says, and then there appeared unto them, Moses and Elijah. Ok, so set apart for Jesus. Jesus begins to be revealed. Jesus begins to be made known at His own bidding and doing. And then, Moses and Elijah show up and *then* Peter says this, *"Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."* Alright, we started off in the prayer and now we've started talking about this reality of being able to be in the presence of the Lord and not even realize what it is. So here is Peter and he is standing there with James and John and Jesus is not just there; He's transformed in front of them and what does he notice? What is the big event that happens here? He doesn't really see Jesus transformed, he sees Moses and Elijah. And Jesus as one of those three standing there. Right? I mean if he really saw, he'd go, "Oh my God!" Was Jesus transfigured in front of them? Yes! And they didn't see it! And they were there for Him, but can I say it like this: they weren't there for Him, not in their hearts. We're all there for Him fellowship wise, as a goal, but our hearts have to be there for Him or if it's not, we're not going to see Him—we're just going to see something that's tangible, some event, something that includes a bunch of people and that's what we're going to react to. We're going to go, "Oh well let me do something to minister to *this*!" He didn't say, "I'm going to go hit the bars..." You would go, "Oh this is good Peter..." No it's not good, not in light of the time. Not in light of the situation. Not in light of what Jesus had in His heart when He brought them up there. Not in light of Him opening Himself. Not in light of the fact that they never saw that. And the Scripture that we read there in 2 Corinthians that when we see Him, *we will be* changed into that same image. Well why didn't that happen with Peter? Because he didn't see, he didn't see the transfigured Jesus. He was still seeing the regular Jesus that he knew, that he knew. And so the Father...the Son is what it's all about to the Father, to the Father. So the Father is not going to be happy with that situation, because it's about His Son and He figures, "All you're getting out of this is Jesus the prophet man, Elijah, Moses..." So He's going to intervene. And it says, *"And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud..."* guess who's voice: the Father's *"...saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only."* May I say it like this? If this is our time, like it was Peter, James and John's time to be set apart to Jesus and this was in the heart of Jesus to open Himself to us that we could finally be changed. But not just changed, but changed into His image. And we still continue to only see what we've seen, then the Father is going to

intervene; the Father's going to intervene. How is He going to intervene? Whatever it is, that we think is so important, whatever it is that we think that we see, whatever the things that we think are important to God or important to us, they are going to be gone, for all intents and purposes. He's going to take care of that. "Oh is that your problem? Well I can take care of that. Is that your issue? I can take care of that." Now, it didn't say He killed off Moses and Elijah, but they were for all intents and purposes removed, so that they could see Jesus only. We know that Peter got it later on. Didn't he? In his epistle, he wrote of that event. One of the only events of the gospels that's written in the epistles. You ought to read it. I'm not going to read it; I'm not going to belabor this, but you should read it. You will see that after going back, after spending time with the Holy Spirit, this came to him after the Holy Spirit came, then he realized what he saw.

There are some really, really good things that the Lord is going to be sharing with us in the coming days and weeks and months. Every one of us really need to wipe away all the Jesus that we know; in the sense of just finding that Jesus, always applying that Jesus and open our hearts and say, "Lord, You're taking the time to set us aside. You have..." And this is what I already believe; I believe He's already opened Himself to us and we haven't really seen the fullness of that yet because we see the religious thing that's before us instead of Jesus transfigured. I mean I was appalled when I realized that Peter saw Him transformed and all he got out of it was, "Maybe I should make some booths for you guys." And guess what, that's us until we realize the heart of Jesus for setting us aside, and calling us away, separating us to Him and then say, "Holy Spirit I don't want to just see that thing that I'm familiar with. Let me see Jesus, the Jesus that when I see Him, I'll be changed, I'll be transfigured." Isn't that cool? That's what it says, we'll be changed, we'll be transfigured. Jesus was transfigured before them. Well that's great, but this seeing will transform us into that same image. This seeing will work; do you believe it? I believe it. So I just want to encourage you and I want you to realize, God's serious about this. He is serious. And the Father, if He has to... See, I mean, He's the one who allowed Moses and Elijah to show up there with Jesus. When they didn't remember, only three people getting together and talking. And what were they talking about? Three people talking about the cross. That still wasn't enough. It had to be Christ transfigured. That's what the goal was. It's not about us talking about the cross. It's about us being with Him. So let's keep our hearts focused in the midst of this turmoil and in the midst of the things of this world and of the things of this life. My prayer, my prayer is for us. Let's just pray. *Father, I just pray, with all my heart for Your sheep Jesus, Your sheep Jesus, Your sheep. With all my heart, I cover them and with all the ability that You've given me as a shepherd I cover them and I ask Father that the Holy Spirit be released even greater, even greater. If this is double right now, this is nothing. Double it again. If this is double, this is nothing, double it again. Bring forth Your Son in such a manner that we...not just Him*

transfigured, we are transformed, but transformed into that same image. That the seeing that we see of Jesus is not Jesus in the Scriptures as people talk about Him being crucified. But the Jesus which we see is the one by which we are changed into that same image. No longer Peter, James and John. No longer I, but Christ. No longer I, but Christ. Father, not just this time at Turner Falls. This is being shared, not just for this moment. This is Your ongoing word to us to keep our hearts quickened, to keep our hearts hungry, to keep our hearts focused, even in the midst of doing many other things. Satan, I bind you from every attack against His people, in the name of Jesus and I resist you and I command you to flee from them in Jesus' name. And Holy Spirit, move in, move in! Reveal Christ, even with the enemy trying to pull off his stuff. Move in and do Your most holy work. Take care of us Father. Take care of us, Father. Till we all come, till we all come. Amen.

One final word that the Lord quickened to me: in Esther, when all those maidens gathered up in Shushan, and there was Hegai representing the Holy Spirit, he was there, he was there in the midst of all of them. He was there and for the longest time while they were gathered there, none of them were bride. Yes, that's settled in the heart of God. But we're not talking about what's settled in the heart of God. He's already made us...if we're the church, we're going to be the Bride, that's His plan. But we have to realize that in the making of that, in the bringing that to pass in like kind, none of us are really yet Esther. None of us are. Because we're all in this together and in that case they weren't but in this case we are; we are! So, I think if we can hold on to the reality... it's like, "How's this going to turn out?" Well read the end of the book of Revelation: the Bride and Jesus get together. We win, it's a love story. It turns out well. But also keep in mind, in the truest sense of what He wants, calling Bride, none of us. We're all in Shushan, in waiting, and soaking in oils, and seeking Him together. Does that make sense? That keeps us from judging one another or thinking things. We don't do that. We don't do that, we don't compare ourselves one with another. We just look to Jesus, that's where our heart is going to be to be. That's what's going to bring us into that Bride heart. One more prayer.

Lord, allow this to filter into all of us in a real way. Give us the assurance of what's at the end of the book of Revelation, but give us the oomph to want to come to a place where this manifests in us. Lord, if it will work for us, help us to just acknowledge that none of us are that Bride or that Bride heart yet. But we're all here, in Shushan, for You. We're all here for the same purpose. And though Esther is just a shadow and no shadow fully represents the truth, but the spirit of what we have is that we are all one, we are all after the same thing, we will all come because You said it, till we all come. Come to what? The measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. We will be after His kind because it will Him formed in us. We believe it, we embrace it, we love You, we embrace one another. In Jesus' name amen.