

WEEKLY WORD

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Exodus 24:12-18 , Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Matt 17:2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

The last Sunday before Lent is Transfiguration Sunday. It is a time when Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain and before their eyes he was transfigured. That means he was dazzling! His clothes were so white it was hard on the eyes. The apostles found it hard to look at him. It was like trying to look at the sun on a bright day. Your eyes get spotty and you can't look for more than a second or two.

In the Old Testament, it is quoted in Exodus 33:20 that we cannot see God's face and live. Even the Glory of God is dazzling. Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of what it will be like to see God face to face, and they were so afraid they fell on the ground.

Here we see a holy fear, not the type of fear we experience when we sense danger, when we fear for our lives. Holy fear is an experience of awe. Have you ever seen something that seems beyond our realm? A sunset, or a picture of nature so beautiful you cannot express it in words? Well, that is only a taste of what we will see when we die in the Lord. We will see heaven and our mighty God face to face, and it will be beyond description.

A friend of mine one time tried to do a banner of the Last Supper. He had it all done, with the exception of the face of Jesus. He never ever finished that banner, because no matter how many pictures I showed him of Jesus, nothing seemed right to him. Artists have tried for over 2 thousand years to draw/paint the face of Jesus, but in true fashion, no image we produce can compare to the vision of our Lord and Saviour!

"Once you see Jesus, I mean see Him as He really is... EVERYTHING WILL CHANGE" Randy Alcorn