

**TELECAST SERMON FOR
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"THE TRANSFIGURATION"
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Thank you, Melvin!

What a pleasure it is to have each of you join us as telecast viewers today! I am especially pleased that you have elected to partake in the reading of God's Word with me and hear the glorious Gospel of the Kingdom of God. In my realm of experience, I have often found that when faced with difficult situations, most people will begin to search and exhaust all kinds of avenues of possible help, and for some reason come to the right place last. Therefore, I pray that my sermon, "**THE TRANSFIGURATION**," will bring you to the knowledge that no matter what the difficulty, a guaranteed and absolute source of help, deliverance, or solution may just lie in the Lord and Savior, Himself, Jesus Christ. Remember, He is just a prayer away. But in the process much faith and patience may be required of you in return. Will you have the perseverance to endure to the end?

There were many great times in the life of Jesus. At the age of 12, He confronted and confounded the religious leaders in the Temple.

We read in Luke 2:46-47, "And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers."

His parents finally confronted Him, and we find His answer in the 49th verse: "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" "What was the father's business?" you ask. It was to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and pursue the salvation of souls from this sin-cursed world.

Jesus was the example and perfect role model, as we read in Matthew 3:16-17, And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Why, then, did Jesus, Who was without sin, submit to John's baptism.

At the outset of His ministry, Jesus was a symbol of that, which He had to come to earth to do, and that was to take the sinner's place in death. It certainly was a great hour when He preached the greatest message the world has ever heard, and which we have come to know today as "The Sermon on the Mount."

It is recorded in Matthew, Chapters 5, 6, & 7. It was delivered at the time of our Lord's ministry when He was presenting the Kingdom, promised of old. It is the proclamation of the constitution of that Kingdom and applies in a particular sense to the government, as it will be when Christ returns to reign and rule. The word "blessed" means "happy."

Take note that those who are said to be happy are in that state, not through anything which they do, but because of what they are. It was a great hour when He fed the thousands of hungry people. It was a great hour when He rode into Jerusalem and the people ran before Him, crying out, "Hosanna, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord."

There were many wonderful hours in His life, but I believe one of the highest points that Jesus experienced on earth was His hour of Transfiguration. He stood on the mountain-top and became transformed as that light, that transported Moses and Elijah to Him to talk about His death.

If you recall, in Matt. chapter 16:28, Jesus is heard saying, "Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

He did not mean that some of them were going to live, until He returned to earth to set up His Kingdom. What He did mean was that they were going to see a symbolic picture of Him, as He would appear when He returned in Glory.

In Matthew chapter 17, we have a picture of Him in transfiguration. Compare His transfigured body with the description given of Him in His glorified body, found in Revelation 1:14-15, "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters."

He told John the Beloved, Fear not; I am the first and the last." In the 18th verse He said, "I am he that liveth, and was dead: and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death."

There were three disciples closer to Jesus than any others--Peter, James & John. They formed the inner circle.

One day Jesus took these faithful men to the top of a high mountain. As He stood before them, a miracle happened. Jesus was transfigured before them.

We read in Matt. 17:2, "And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light." His face shone like the sun, and it was too bright for them to look upon. His clothing suddenly became as bright as light. Never had these disciples seen anything like it. Then in the twinkling of an eye, Moses and Elijah appeared before Jesus.

We read the 3rd verse, "And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him." Spiritually speaking, Moses represents a type of Saint who died in the Lord and is waiting for the trump of God to sound, along with the uttering of the three special words, "Come up hither."

To confirm this, we read in I Theso. 4:16, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." Elijah represents a type of Saint, who will be translated to heaven.

We read in I Theso. 4:17-18 verses: "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

And these are very comforting words, for the time in which we are now living. When we all get to heaven, will we recognize those who are already there? Will we know Peter and Paul and our loved ones who have gone home to be with the Lord? Listen to Psalm 17:15, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness."

It is, indeed, wonderful that David's assurance of immortality was enriched by the idea that He would become greater than his present existence.

We read in I John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

What a wonderful privilege these three disciples had! They looked upon Jesus and the light of His Deity, shining through His flesh. They saw Him as we shall see Him some day in glory. They looked upon Moses, the Law Giver. They looked upon Elijah, the great prophet, who was translated to heaven in a whirlwind.

But what they saw was only a small part of what we shall see when life's day is done, and we jet above the moon, sun, and stars and enter into the Father's house of many mansions, as Jesus tells us in John 14:2-3, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Now, we are told that Moses and Elijah talked to Jesus. What did they speak about? They spoke about the purpose of His coming into the world--His death for lost sinners. Since the foundation of the world, it was in God's plan for Him to come and be a sacrifice for this lost and dying world. Moses represented the law. It was through him that the Ten Commandments were given.

Elijah represented the prophets, who were men that came to serve their generation by the will of God. Thus, we see these two men as being, the types of all those who would someday be in heaven.

In I Cor. 15:51-54, Paul tells us, "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."

This is the hope of the church, "Jesus Coming Soon." In this transfiguration we have proof of both, the resurrection and life after death. Moses has been dead many years and so has Elijah. Yet, they are alive. The disciples saw them and heard them talking.

Our loved ones have gone home to be with the Lord; we bury them, but we know they are safe in the arms of Jesus. Shall we see them again? Are we too sorrowful like others, who have no hope? Let us read I Thess. 4:13, "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

Though we bury a true born again believer and his body lies in the grave, his spirit returns unto God Who gave it. When Jesus returns, bodies will be raised, and spirits and souls shall be reunited.

Peter was a presumptuous individual, who had been carried away by the wonderful signs of the glorified Saviour and the appearance of Moses and Elijah.

Listen to Matt. 17:4, "Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias."

They had been talking about dying, but Peter was just thinking about living and having a good time. There are many like him today.

Jesus tells us in Mark 8:34, "...Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

There is a cross for the follower of Jesus Christ, as well as for Christ Himself. A cross signifies death. For the Lord Jesus, the Cross meant a cruel death as a sacrifice for our sins. Our cross is the denying of and death to self for Christ's sake.

We read verses 36-37, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul."

What shall it profit a man, if he knows all the constellations in the heavens, and does not know Jesus, the bright and morning star? What shall it profit a man, if he be a mighty mathematician, and yet cannot figure the value of a soul? What shall it profit a man, if he be a great doctor, and not know the greatest physician of all time! The Lord wants you, TV viewers. He wants your love and devotion.

Now, Jesus didn't rebuke Peter, but God did. A voice suddenly spoke out of the cloud, as we find in Matt. 17:5, "While he yet spake behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold

a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

This is what the world needs today. We are not to listen to anyone, except when they point us to Christ and the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Jesus tells us, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me; and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."

Nicodemus, a secret believer in the Lord, came to Jesus by night, hoping to learn about the way. He was a man of position, of prominence, of power, and probably of great wealth. But Nicodemus was not satisfied with what he had. There was a hunger in his heart. The things of the earth did not satisfy him. He was always reaching out for something that would bring him happiness, but joy, happiness, and peace seemed always to elude him.

Then, he heard about Jesus and the wonderful work He was doing, healing all manner of sickness and diseases. Thus, under the cover of darkness, Nicodemus slipped out to see Jesus and said, "No man can do these miracles, except God be with him."

Yes, God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Nicodemus poured out his heart to Jesus. Jesus looked into the soul of this hungry-hearted Pharisee and said, "Nicodemus, you must be born again. You have many things that the world can give you, but you'll never, never find peace and joy until you have been born again."

The world is full of men who are trying to find happiness upon this earth. They go everywhere and do everything to find some zest in life, but their search is in vain. To them, Jesus would say, "You're seeking satisfaction in the wrong places. Come unto me and be born again and all the joys of earth and heaven will be yours."

Jesus spoke as we read in John 3:3, "...Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Now, television viewers, you may see wonderful things in this world. You may see the Grand Canyon, but you'll never see the Tree of Life in heaven, unless you have been born again. You may see the great cities of the world, but you'll never see the Holy City of the New Jerusalem, unless you have been born again. You may live in the finest mansions that money can buy, but you'll never see the Father's house of many mansions, unless you've been born again.

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." He emphasized the "Must." This is one of His divine imperatives. Listen to John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

To be "born of water" is to be baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ, according to Acts 2:38, "Then

Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

To be "born of the Spirit" is to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, speaking in an unknown "tongue" or language. According to the Bible, this is the only evidence, which can be used to verify and confirm that one has received the Holy Ghost.

Listen to Acts 2:4, "And they (i.e. 120) were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance."

Remember, Mary who was praying in the Upper Room. On the day of Pentecost, Mary, too, received the gift of the Holy Spirit, speaking in "tongues." If Mary, the mother of Jesus, needed the Holy Ghost, how much more then, do we need the Holy Spirit, to withstand the endless waves of Satan's fiery darts.

Peter informs us in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

There is no name in this world comparable to the name: JESUS! And that my friends in the TV audience, is "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God" in a nutshell.

Now, let's return to our message of "The Transfiguration."

Again, we find Peter made another mistake. He put Jesus and Moses and Elijah on the same level. Moses and Elijah were faithful servants of God, but Jesus was as far above them, as the heavens. He was the Root; they were the branches.

Now, when God spoke, the disciples fell on their faces, frightened beyond measure. We read in Matt. 17:7-8, "And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only."

He is the one we need to see: Jesus only, our means of salvation, Jesus only, our Mediator between God and men, Jesus only, our Counselor when one is broken-hearted, Jesus only, our hope in life and death, and at the judgment bar of God.

Therefore, viewers, put your trust in Jesus, and one day you will see him in glory. Many are rejecting and ignoring Him today, but in that day when you go up to have fellowship with Him, all the Saints, and your loved ones, who rejected Him, will be weeping, wailing and gnashing their teeth in eternal death.

It is a glorious thing to be safe in the arms of Jesus, but it is an awful thing to fall into the hands of a rejected and angry God.

Jesus and the three disciples came down from the mountain. A man ran and spoke to Jesus. Let us read Matt. 17:14-15, "And when they were come down to the multitude, there came to

him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying. Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is a lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him."

What a contrast we have here, nothing but glory on the mountaintop, and nothing but suffering in the valley. Thank God for the mountaintop and valley experiences we go through in our daily lives.

We have our mountain-top experiences but we can't stay there. Down in the valley are the lost, the suffering, the needy, the homeless. Our mountain-top experiences must be translated into toiling in the valley.

Jesus said in verse 17, "...O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me."

Today men don't say, "Bring him to Jesus." They say, "Take him to a doctor, take him to a counselor or take him anywhere but to Jesus. The Bible tells us to call for the elders of the church.

We read in James 5:14-15, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up (not man); and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Now, I am not saying to minimize the good work done by doctors, but I say we should not bypass Jesus. We should bring our children to Jesus even before they are born. We should bring our friends to Jesus. We should bring all our troubles and burdens to Him.

The disciples wanted to know why they couldn't cure the boy. Jesus told them, as we find in Matt. 17:20-21, "...Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

Of course, He didn't mean it literally; I think He meant that the mountains of troubles can be moved by our unyielding faith.

Jesus predicted His betrayal and death. He told how wicked men were going to kill Him, but added that He would rise the third day. We read verses 22-23, "And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry."

Yes, there is hope for us in all that Jesus has said and planned, if we will only look for it. He says we will have much persecution, but He tells us to be of good cheer, for He has overcome the world.

However, the disciples did not seem to understand or grasp the significance of His death and resurrection. Those, who collected tribute money for the temple, now came to Peter and asked him, if Jesus was in the habit of paying tribute money. Peter told them that Jesus did pay. Jesus did not hear this conversation, but He knew what had been said. After all, He knows all that we say and all that we do.

We read in Matt. 17:25-27, "He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, of strangers? Peter saith unto him, of strangers Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou in the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shall find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee."

What a miracle indeed! Jesus believed in paying what was expected of Him. Thus, He set an example for every true born again Christian to bring in their tithes and free-will offerings into God's storehouse. God's storehouse is where you found your salvation. Test Him and He will open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing.

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Head Pastor William Han, Jr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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