

AVELEIGH'S YEAR OF THE BIBLE FEB. 11, 2018
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
Sermon: Seeking God, BEHOLD HIS GLORY
Texts: Hebrews 11:6 p 1296 & Mark 9:1-8 p. 1084

The Transfiguration, After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

INTRO: "Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." The Westminster Catechism

1. WHAT IS GOD'S GLORY? כְּבוֹד kâbôwd, kaw-bode

"The heavens declare the glory of God . . ." Psalm 19:1a (NIV)

Ex. 33:18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14 (NIV)

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. *2 Peter 1:16 NIV*

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word."
Hebrews 1:3a (NIV)

2. IN JESUS WE SEE THE GLORY OF GOD IN CONCENTRATED FORM.

"To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27 (NIV)

The difference between you and Moses: God's glory temporarily got ON Moses. The glory of God permanently Lives IN you. "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)

3, (SEEKING GOD) as you grow closer to God.....

ONE, YOUR BUSY STRESS WILL SLOW DOWN.....

“One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.”

Psalm 27:4 (NIV)



We go to scripture not just for light . . . but also for heat

TWO, YOU’II DISCOVER THE JOY OF HUMILITY.....

“All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.’” 1 Peter 5:5b (NIV)

God doesn’t exist for us, we exist for him and to bring God glory.

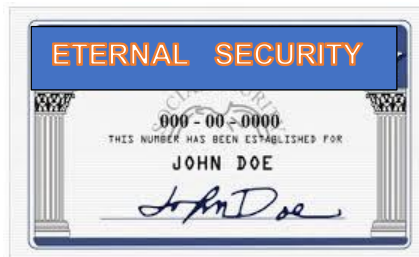


We are to be like a Wedding Planner.

“For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another.” Isaiah 48:11 (NIV)

THREE: YOU GAIN THE COMFORT OF ETERNAL SECURITY

²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light,



and the Lamb is its lamp.

PRAYER: Lord, show us your glory. Amen.

FOUR FOR THE ROAD:

1. How do you understand the Glory of God?
2. What is a transfiguration attributes?
3. Where do you find the glory of God?
4. Where does God’s Glory dwell today? Why?

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CALL TO Worship

LEADER: Let's go up the mountain.

PEOPLE: Let's go up to the place where the land meets the sky

LEADER: where the earth touches the heavens,

PEOPLE: to the place of meeting,

LEADER: to the place of glorious connection,

PEOPLE: to the place of fearful voices and conversations,

LEADER: to the place of worship

Prayer of confession

Oh, how we love fame and glory; we desire to be made great. But, earthly fame is so fleeting, so unfulfilling, so unsatisfying. You have created us not to be made famous, but to make you famous; not to receive glory of our own, but to bring you glory. We confess that our desire is more often to be seen by the world than that others see You in us. What we desire is for you to be seen through us. You have called us to be Jesus, to proclaim Jesus and to show Jesus to all. When we receive praise and honor, may we give all of it back to you. Amen.