



Glimpse Jesus' Glory *Transfiguration Sunday*

Luke 9:28–43a

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.

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Thoughts for the Week

Obedience

Only as we learn truth and obey it do we find freedom and progress.

Obedience to the laws of health frees us from distress and disease and gives us vigor and comfort of body.

Obedience to the laws of physics frees us from cold, darkness and inability and gives us heat, light and power.

Obedience to the laws of learning frees us from ignorance and superstition and gives us knowledge and wisdom.

Obedience to the laws of society would free us from strife and contention and give us peace and harmonious living.

Obedience to the laws of the gospel would free us from the grasp of the evil one and give us salvation and exaltation.

Obedience to the laws of God would free us from all opposing powers and give us joy inexpressible and eternal.

It shows in your face

You don't have to tell how you live each day; You don't have to say if you work or you play; A tried, true barometer serves in the place— However you live, it will show in your face.

The false, the deceit that you bear in your heart, Will not stay inside where it first got a start; For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace— What you wear in your heart, you wear in your face.

If your life is selfless, if for others you live, For not what you get, but how much you can give; If you live close to God in his infinite grace— You don't have to tell it, it shows in your face.

It Isn't the Church – It's You

If you want to have the kind of a church Like the kind of a church you like, you needn't slip your clothes in a grip and start on a long, long hike. You'll only find what you left behind, For there's nothing really new. It's a knock at yourself when you knock your church;

It isn't the church—it's you.

When everything seems to be going wrong, and trouble seems everywhere brewing; just take a look at yourself and say, "What's the use of being blue?" Are you doing your "bit" to make things "hit"?

It isn't the church—it's you.

It's really strange sometimes, don't you know, that things go as well as they do, when we think of the little—the very **small** mite—we add to the work of the few. We sit, and stand round, and complain of what's done, and do very little but fuss. Are we bearing our share of the burdens to bear?

It isn't the church—it's us.

So, if you want to have the kind of church like the kind of a church you like, put off your guile, and put on your best smile, and hike, my brother, just hike, to the work in hand that has to be done—The work of saving a few. It isn't the church that is wrong, my boy;

It isn't the church—it's you.

Opportunities

You have filled our lives with opportunities. Help us to miss none of these opportunities when they come to us.

Help us to take the opportunities of learning and help us to work and study so that we may:

- deepen our lives;
- enrich our minds;
- set our goals;
- and be properly equipped for life.

Help us never to miss the opportunities of helping others that we may be ready:

- to share with the poor;
- to sympathize with the unhappy;
- to help those who've made mistakes to get back on track again;
- to lend a hand to those who are finding things difficult.

Help us to never miss an opportunity to show where we stand that we may:

- Set an example wherever we are;
- always make it easier for others to do and be good;
- never make it easy for others to do any wrong thing;

So help us to grasp every opportunity you send, and to use every gift you have given us, that we may make our lives what you meant them to be.

Prayer Thought – United Kingdom

God of healing and light, we are thankful for your grace and your continued presence in our lives. Hear us now and lead us in your ways of peace.

God of justice, help us become better stewards of all Earth's resources so all may benefit from your abundant provision. Forgive our selfish ways and guide us in sharing generously so all may be nourished.

Be with the people of the United Kingdom. Fill them and us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out fear and binds us in Divine unity.

God of shalom, you created us to be whole persons. Strengthen us to know your healing spirit and to be your healing presence in the lives of others.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

Stewardship Thought

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’
‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” (Isaiah 6:8)*

Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for a stranger, God constantly provides doors of opportunity. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say, “Here I am, Lord.”

Quote for the Week

Believe that you can, and you're halfway there!

Theodore Roosevelt