



Rhythm OF WORSHIP

A W O R S H I P L E A D E R ' S

Weekly Devotional

Monday Sept. 14 - Sunday Sept. 20, 2020

Transfiguration

Thoughts

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 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...

Luke 9:28-36

In a sense, a follower of Jesus experiences a spiritual transfiguration. It is a process of surrendering ourselves (or more accurately, who we think "ourselves" really are) in order to be conformed to Jesus instead of to the world (Rom: 12:2). It can be a painful process for several reasons. The first two that come to mind are: 1) We enjoy the sin we are currently involved with and 2) We don't fully trust God that the person we're becoming like will be more enjoyable than the person we currently are. What will this change bring? Perhaps we'll lose interest in our current pastime, be it a TV series or a sport. Or perhaps we'll even be convicted to end an unhealthy relationship with someone our current self enjoys. Whatever the reason, the model we have is Jesus who endured death on the cross obediently and without defiance (Phil 2:8).

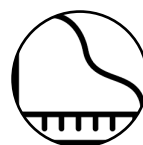
Reflections

* This week, I need to repent of...

* When/Where in life right now am I consistently feeling the nudging of the Holy Spirit in? What is my response to it?

* Think of a friend who is a believer. One that you sense needs to move away from something or someone to become more like Jesus. Pray for them now. Then, with the same level of concern and passion, pray for yourself to put to death a current sinful pattern.

* Think of someone who does not know Christ. Say their name. Pray for God to reveal Himself to this person.



Prayer

LIFE-GIVING GOD

Quicken me to call upon Your name for my mind is ignorant,
my thoughts vagrant,
my affections earthly,
my heart unbelieving,
and only Your Spirit can help my infirmities.

I approach You as Father and Friend,
my portion for ever,
my exceeding joy,
my strength of heart.

I believe in You as the God of nature, the ordainer of providence,
the sender of Jesus my Savior.

My guilty fears discourage an approach to You,
but I praise You for the blessed news that Jesus reconciles You to me.

May the truth that is in Him illuminate in me all that is dark,
establish in me all that is wavering,
comfort in me all that is wretched,
accomplish in me all that is of Your goodness,
and glorify in me the name of Jesus.

I pass through a vale of tears but bless You for the opening gate of glory at its end.
Enable me to realize as mine the better, heavenly country.

Prepare me for every part of my pilgrimage.
Uphold my steps by thy Word.
Let no iniquity dominate me.

Teach me that Christ cannot be the way if I am the end,
that he cannot be Redeemer if I am my own savior,
that there can be no true union with Him while the creature has my heart,
that faith accepts Him as Redeemer and Lord
or not at all.

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SONGS AND ART

1. YES I WILL

"I choose to praise"

2. MY VICTORY

"Behold the Lamb of God"

3. BE THOU MY VISION

"Heart of my own heart"

4. O PRAISE THE NAME (ANASTASIS)

"The blazing Son shall pierce the night."



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"Transfiguration" watercolor by Mike Moyers

Psalm 104:1-9, 31-35

¹ Praise the Lord, my soul.

Lord my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

² The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent
³and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

He makes the clouds his chariot
and rides on the wings of the wind.

⁴ He makes winds his messengers, ^h
flames of fire his servants.

⁵ He set the earth on its foundations;
it can never be moved.

⁶ You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷ But at your rebuke the waters fled,
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;

⁸ they flowed over the mountains,
they went down into the valleys,
to the place you assigned for them.

⁹ You set a boundary they cannot cross;
never again will they cover the earth.

³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—

³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the Lord.

³⁵ But may sinners vanish from the earth
and the wicked be no more.

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