

Come Down From The Mountain

- **Exodus 33:18** And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.
- Moses didn't receive the answer to his prayer for 1500 years! God said, "Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live." Aaron and his descendants served in the role of High Priest after the building of the tabernacle; they got to see the Shekinah glory of God occasionally, but not Moses. He lived and died with that prayer on his lips ... unanswered. But then ...
- **Luke 9:28-32** And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.
- Moses had never been in the tiny Holy of Holies (30' cube); now the whole mountaintop was a Holy of Holies! Jesus was "transfigured" – our word would be "metamorphosis," a change that happens from the inside out. Jesus was just showing the divinity that had been hidden inside. Years later, the apostles would write about this event:
- **John 1:14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- **2 Peter 1:16-18** For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.
- Best of all, God's Word promises that we too can be "transfigured" by God's glory inside!
- **2 Corinthians 3:17-18** Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.
- **Romans 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- The world's plan is to "conform" us from the outside in, but God's plan is to "transform" us from the inside out!
- The presence of Moses and Elijah on the mount of transfiguration was significant, because they represented the Law and the Prophets – the entire Old Covenant, which was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The disciples heard them talk about Jesus' "decease" – his crucifixion. But the word they used was the same word the Bible uses for "exodus." Moses led Israel out of bondage to Egypt, and Elijah delivered them from bondage to false gods ... but Jesus set us free from bondage to sin and death!
- Because of Calvary, when we obey the gospel we experience an exodus, a release from the bondage of sin. Because of Calvary, when Christians die we experience an exodus, a release from this earthly life to live eternally in Heaven. We have been redeemed – purchased and set free!
- We are free from the world!
Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:
- We are free from empty religion!
1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
- We are free from sin!
Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
- We are really free!
John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

- It is GLORIOUS to be a Christian! It is the constant prayer of the church to experience the GLORY of God in our midst!
- But it is hard work to get to the top of a mountain, so Peter, James and John fell asleep from exhaustion ... and almost missed the greatest manifestation of God's glory the world had ever seen!
- **Galatians 6:9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
- **Zechariah 14:7** But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.
- **Acts 2:17** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:
- **Habakkuk 2:14** For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
- Don't get weary – we are going to see the glory of the Lord! Don't fall asleep before the greatest manifestation of God's glory the world has ever seen!
- **Luke 9:33** And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.
- **BUT THE GLORY IS NOT FOR US TO KEEP TO OURSELVES!**
- **Luke 9:37** And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him.
- The mountaintop experience is not intended to be permanent. It is always God's will that we move from the mountain of glory to the valley of need.
- **Mark 9:21-23** And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but **if thou canst** do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, **if thou canst (?) – believe!** (*implied*) all things are possible to him that believeth.
- Take Jesus to the valley with you – watch Him do glorious things!