

The Gospel According To LUKE
Chapter 9:27-36
“The Mount of Transfiguration”

I) The Power of Prayer (v27-29)

(v27) **On the Mt. of Transfiguration-** Peter, James & John see the anticipated glory of God’s Kingdom.

(v28) **Prayer changes every life!** Jesus gives us an example- He prayed and He was transfigured (Matthew 17:2). The word **transfigured** means *metamorphoo* - to transform. Jesus face shone like the sun and his clothes were altered, (i.e.- Caterpillar becomes a butterfly.) John the beloved unveils the life of Christ with the following statement John 1:14- *And the Word became 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.*

When a person says the sinners’ prayer and invites Jesus into their heart they become born again! A METAMORPHOSIS takes place in the heart and for eternity: **Let’s look at our new birth in John Ch. 3.**

- **Our present condition is found in Titus 3:4-7-** *But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

- **Our future transformation is found in 2 Cor 5:1-8-** *For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

II) The Prophetic Picture (v30-31)

(v30) **On the scene appears Moses & Elijah** - Moses the Lawgiver & Elijah the Prophet, the Law defender. Let’s observe the O.T. preview for who the Christ would be. Moses wrote in Deut 18:15,18- *“The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.*

- Moses was a deliverer for Israel—Jesus delivers us from our sins, the dominion of the devil & eternal damnation!

- Moses was a lawgiver for Israel—Jesus fulfilled the law, taking the judgment of our sins upon Himself at the cross so that we would be saved from judgment (Ro. 8:3,4)

- Moses was a mediator for Israel—Jesus is our mediator, 1 Tim 2:5-6- *For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all . . .*

- Moses the shines for Israel (his face shone brightly as he conversed with God on Mt. Sinai.)—Jesus shines, 2 Cor 4:6 - *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

- Moses prepared the “Passover Lamb”—Jesus is the “lamb of God” (John 1:29)

- Moses ate the “manna” from heaven—Jesus is the “bread of life” (John 6:35)

- Moses raised up the brass serpent upon the pole to save the people from death—Jesus was raised up on the cross.

- Moses drank the “water from the rock”—Jesus the rock provides living water for the thirsty soul (John 7:38).

- Elijah was a miracle worker—Jesus performed miracles all the time!
 - Elijah was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind (2Kings 2:11)—Jesus ascended to heaven (Acts 1:9)
- (v31) What did they converse about? The *decease* (Gk. - *exodus*) of Jesus.**

III) The Personal Proclamation (v32-36)

> **Why the cloud?** In the Old Testament the Cloud of the LORD led the children of Israel through the Red Sea and eventually brought them to Mt. Sinai and settled on the Mount. The voice of God spoke to the nation out of this Cloud. At the Dedication of the Tabernacle, the Cloud of glory left Mt. Sinai and came and dwelt over the Tabernacle, upon a Blood-stained Mercy Seat, in the midst of God's people, Israel. The Glory-Cloud governed all the journeyings of Israel in the Wilderness, finally leading them to the Land of Canaan. When Solomon's Temple was built, the Cloud of Glory came to it, dwelling upon the Ark of the Covenant which had been previously taken out of the Tabernacle of Moses, and the Tabernacle of David. The tragic end of the history of the Cloud in the Old Testament, relative to the Nation of Israel, is seen in the fact that the Glory-Cloud eventually departed from the Temple, which had become polluted with filthy abominations. God allowed this Temple to be destroyed because of these defilements. The Glory-Cloud could never again return to a material Temple until Jesus Christ the True Tabernacle and the True Temple, went up into the Mount of Transfiguration.

> **The Cloud in relation to Christ-** the Cloud is also seen in His ascension back to the Father (Acts 1:9)--He is clothed with a Cloud (Rev. 10:1)--He is seated upon a White Cloud (Rev. 14:14-16)--He will come in a Cloud of Glory (Luke 21:17)--He will also come in the Clouds of Glory with His saints, who are in Clouds of Glory (Mark 14:62; Mt. 26:64; 1 Thess. 4:17; Heb. 12:1).

(v35) "This is my beloved Son, Hear Him!"- Matt 28:19-20- *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*