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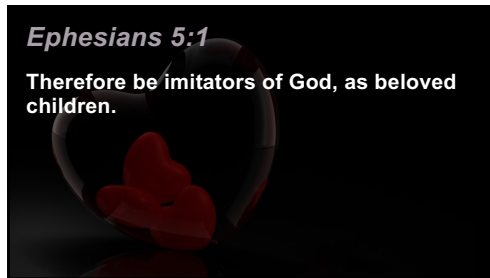
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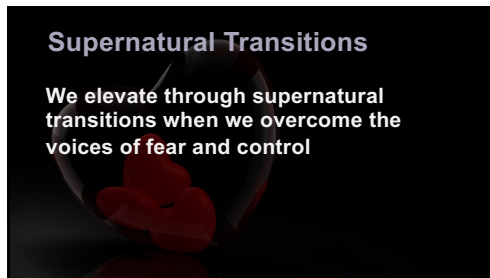
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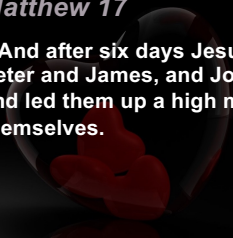
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*Matthew 17*

1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.



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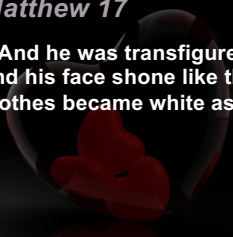
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*Matthew 17*

2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.



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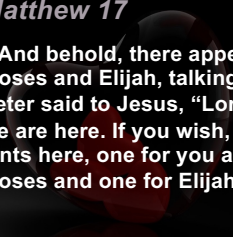
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*Matthew 17*

3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."



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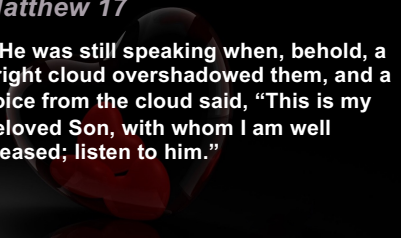
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*Matthew 17*

5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."



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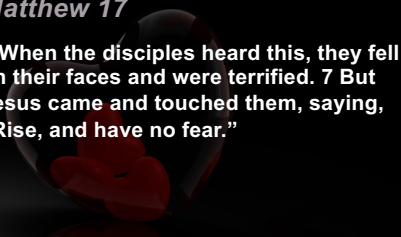
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*Matthew 17*

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."



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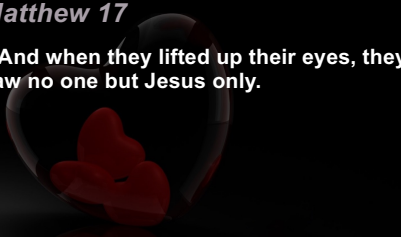
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*Matthew 17*

8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.



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**Revelations on the Mountain**

See the Kingdom	Glory of God's Kingdom shining out of Jesus
Witness a Conversation	Transfigured Christ speaking with Moses and Elijah
Overshadowed by a Cloud	Overshadowed by holy cloud
Hear God's Voice	God's voice "this is my son"

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**What was Peter Lacking?**

1. Understanding about [suffering] Messiah
2. Revelation of the Deity of Christ

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**Feast of Tabernacles**

The festival of Sukkot uniquely symbolizes the Messianic Era; Simon Peter's offer to build sukkot for the Messiah and his Messianic-era guests seems especially appropriate to the holiday theme of inviting exalted guests into the Sukkah.

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*Zechariah 14*

16 Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. 17 And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

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*Exodus 19:8-10*

8 All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord. 9 And the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever."

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*Numbers 11:25*

Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

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*Exodus 40:34-35*

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

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*Numbers 12:4-10*

4 And suddenly the Lord said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting." And the three of them came out. 5 And the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward.

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*Numbers 12:4-11*

6 And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. 7 Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house.

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*Numbers 12:4-11*

8 With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" 9 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he departed.

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*Numbers 12:4-11*

10 When the cloud removed from over the tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, like snow. And Aaron turned toward Miriam, and behold, she was leprous. 11 And Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, do not punish us because we have done foolishly and have sinned.

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*Old Testament Imagery*

Moses and Elijah, Peter James and John are not the only ones up on the mount of Transfiguration. God the Father himself is in their midst in an (at least at first) unnoticed bright cloud.

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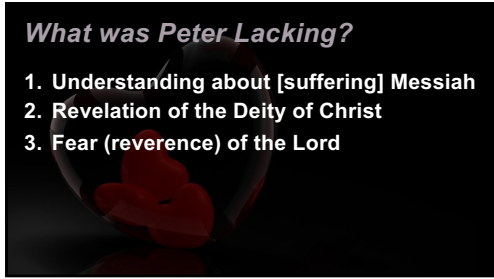
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*What was Peter Lacking?*

1. Understanding about [suffering] Messiah
2. Revelation of the Deity of Christ
3. Fear (reverence) of the Lord



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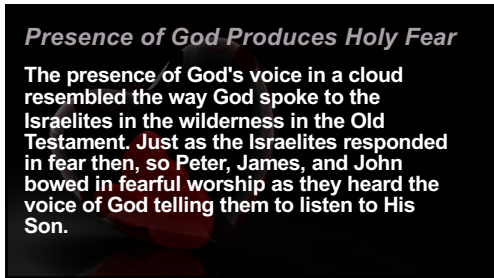
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*Presence of God Produces Holy Fear*

The presence of God's voice in a cloud resembled the way God spoke to the Israelites in the wilderness in the Old Testament. Just as the Israelites responded in fear then, so Peter, James, and John bowed in fearful worship as they heard the voice of God telling them to listen to His Son.



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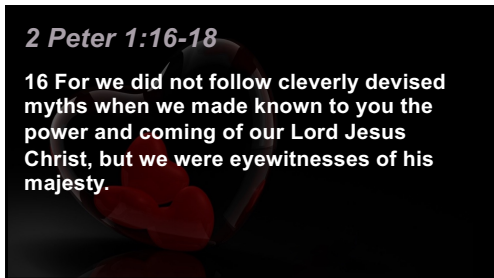
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*2 Peter 1:16-18*

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.



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**2 Peter 1:16-18**

17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

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**What is the glory of God?**

Glory of God is the manifest beauty of his holiness. It is the going-public of his holiness. It is the way he puts his holiness on display for people to see and experience. The glory of God is the holiness of God made manifest.

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**Knowledge and Experience**

Knowledge of God's Word grows our faith. Experience of the beauty of God's presence and goodness grows our love.

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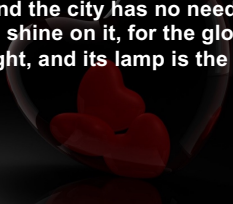
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**Revelation 21:23**  
And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.



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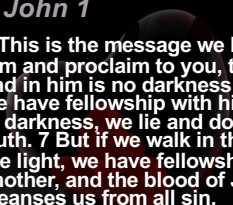
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**1 John 1**  
5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



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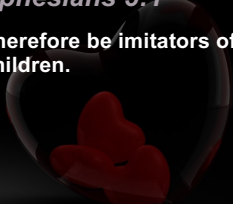
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**Ephesians 5:1**  
Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.



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