

Carry the Light

Mt. 17:1-8

“From Beacon to Beacon”



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2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and **his raiment was white as the light.**

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**

6 And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.



Review

Our theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.”

The conduct of a true Christian, one who is genuinely “born again,” is the outcome of a doctrinal foundation. We are **“living out our faith,”** and our testimony indicates the quality of it, be it good or bad.

Phil. 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling.

As I believe, therefore I live.



Introduction

A couple of weeks ago we began a short series on “The Beacon of Light.” A beacon, by definition:

Beacon (noun)

1. A guiding or warning signal, as a light or fire, especially one in an elevated position.
2. A tower or hill used for such purposes.
3. A lighthouse, signal buoy, etc., on a shore or at a dangerous area at sea to warn and guide vessels.
4. A person, act, or thing that warns or guides.

5. **A person or thing that illuminates or inspires:**

The Bible has been our beacon during this trouble.



I. THE RADIANCE OF THE SAVIOR, 17:1-2

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2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and **his raiment was white as the light.**

A. They were following the Savior – “...Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,”



2 Cor. 6:14 **Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:** for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and **what communion hath light with darkness?**

17 **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord,** and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

B. They were in fellowship with the Savior – “...And was transfigured before them...”

To have great earthly experiences with the Savior, we must be in fellowship with Him!



1 Cor. 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom **ye were called unto the fellowship** of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eph. 5:11 And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather reprove *them*.

1 Jn. 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship** one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.



II. THE REVELATION OF THE SCRIPTURES, 17:3-5

Mt. 17:3 And, behold, **there appeared unto them** Moses and Elias talking with him.

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**

A. The Availability of Truth – “...behold, there appeared **unto them...**”



- The revelation appeared to the “inner circle” = right place/right time.
- The Bible is available all the time for those who want to discover truth.
- We are always in the right place, at the right time, when we are reading and studying the Word of God!

2 Tim. 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**



B. The Application of Truth

Rev. 11:3 And I will give *power* unto **my two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 **These are the two olive trees**, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Zech. 4:11 Then answered I, and said unto him, **What are these two olive trees** upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof?



Mt. 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

28 Verily I say unto you, **There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.**

III. THE RESPONSE OF THE SAINTS, 17:6-8

Mt. 17:6 And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.



A. The Natural Reaction – “...they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.”

Mt. 7:4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

1 Cor. 2:14 But **the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, **because they are spiritually discerned**.
15 But **he that is spiritual judgeth all things**, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, **that he may instruct him?** But we have the mind of Christ.



B. The Needed Renewal

Mt. 7:7 And **Jesus came and touched them**, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, **they saw no man, save Jesus only.**

Rom. 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.



Original Word: μεταμορφώω

Transliteration: metamorphoó

Short Definition: I change the form, transform, transfigure.

Properly, transformed *after* being *with*; *transfigured*.

[(*metamorphóō*) **is the root of the English terms "metamorphosis" and "metamorphize."**]

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3339.htm>

CHANGE FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Isa. 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, **whose mind is stayed on thee**: because he trusteth in thee.



2 Cor. 3:18 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.

“From Beacon to Beacon” – When we are in close fellowship with Christ, it WILL affect our lifestyle.

The transformation of our lives, from the inside out, will enable us to shine for His glory.



Conclusion

Phil. 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling.

13 For **it is God which worketh in you** both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, **among whom ye shine as lights in the world;**

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

