

Transfiguration

Notes on [The Mystery of the Transfiguration](#), by Raniero Cantalamessa

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Matthew 17:1-9

Mark 9:2-9

Luke 9:28-36

Chapter One

Jesus is usually healing or performing miracles. Here, something is happening to Jesus.

St Leo states that it was God's way to the lesson the burden on the Apostles with the coming crucifixion.

Christ was transformed to show us what we will be like on His second coming.

Romans 12:2

2 Corinthians 3:18

1 Corinthians 13:12

Colossians 1:15

While contemplating we become transformed into the image we contemplate.

We become what we look at.

Matthew 6:22

Apostles would become like Jesus.

We are allowed access to His world, His purposes, His sentiments. We can substitute His thoughts, His purposes, and His sentiments for ours. We can make ourselves like Him.

1 Corinthians 1:24

2 Peter 1:16-18

Hebrews 12:2

John 6:63

Galatians 1:17

Chapter Two

Mark 8:27-9:1 - Peter's profession of faith was six days prior

High, apart, themselves
Solitude, silence, distance

We need to leave material things and preoccupations
We need to free ourselves

Detachment – Genesis 32:23-24 – Jacob wrestles with God. Sent his family ahead.

Before them – a select group of believers
(throwing people out of a hospital room)

Psalms 27:8-9
Psalms 57:8

Light comes from within Him
His face shines forth
He is God – He shines from inside –

Hebrews 1:3

Moses was outwardly in

2 Corinthians 3:13

Jesus goes into ecstasy to build confidence with the disciples. God gives His Son confidence to march on. After all, there is still a part of Him that is human.

Jesus does not need to go outside of Himself to enter into God.

The joy it must have been – Father and Son

To pray

While praying He changed

Direct effect of Jesus' prayer

One other time - Luke 10:21

Luke 3:21

God surprised Jesus

John 1:51

Luke 22:32 – for Peter

John 17:20 – those who believe

Luke 11:1

Moses and Elijah – representatives of the law and prophets

Exodus 19 (too much here)

1 Kings 19:9-13

Side note: Elijah is instructed to go on the road to Damascus 19:15 (Paul was struck on the road to Damascus)

Sinai and Tabor

Exodus 3:2 – flame of fire

Matthew 17:2 – light of Divinity

Sinai – bush

Tabor – cloud

Sinai – Moses, glorious servant

Tabor – the Lord of glory Himself

Sinai – the figure

Tabor – the Lord of Glory, Himself

John 1:17

Exodus 33:18-23

Luke tells us the conversation is about Jesus' departure – Luke 9:31

Were not instructing – Jesus already knew – Luke 9:22, 44

Heaven was sending a confirmation – Luke 24:26-27

Philippians 2:7-9

Luke 9:32

Same at Gethsemane

Distracted – altar – Eucharist – Jesus is present – hosts of angels there are not

We yawn with Preachers. We have Him present. We concern ourselves with other things.

Master, it is good that we are here

Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25

Psalms 50:2

Isaiah 52:7

Galatians 5:13

Psalms 45:2-3

Images of earthly

Poison spreads

Bronze serpent (Numbers 21:5-9) (John 3:14)

Look at beauty of Jesus

Peter did not want to leave Heaven. That is why God doesn't show us either. Peter did not want to leave light and peace. At bottom, he finds noise, people, chaos.

Peter had Christ to Himself

But he had responsibilities - 2 Timothy 4:2

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 – love will come later

Keep Tabor close – always!

Catherine of Sienna made a secret place in her heart

Make a cell for yourselves in your own mind

(you may never leave it)

God is within us

Cloud envelopes – can't miss not entering

This is a Divine tent

Cloud in New Testament is Holy Spirit – Luke 1:35

Christ's resurrection = Holy Spirit

Romans 1:4

2 Corinthians 3:18

1 Corinthians 2:12

Moses and Elijah – simple servants – Hebrews 3:2-4

To make three tents would put Moses and Elijah on equal footing with Jesus

The prophets speak, the law speaks, but THIS ONE you must hear
The voice of the law, the tongue of the prophets

Deuteronomy 5:1

Luke 9:35

Deuteronomy 18:15

Listen to Him!

Ephesians 4:14

Only Jesus – Mark 9:8 – Matthew 17:8 – Luke 9:36

Presence of Jesus is enough

John 1:1 – the first five books of the Bible

Jesus and . . .

Thoughts, projects, preoccupations fly away
Silence and peace of Jesus
He settles into our hearts

Exodus 34:29