

Luke 9:28 - 36 (NASB) (Mt 17:1–8; Mk 9:2–8)

²⁸Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

²⁹And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing *became* white and gleaming.

Lk 9:29–32 with Mt 17:2, Mk 9:2–3

²⁹ As he was praying, {he was transfigured before them,^{MT, MK}} the appearance of his face changed {shone like the sun^{MT}}, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning {as white as the light,^{MT}} {dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them^{MK}}. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

³⁰And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah,

³¹who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

We have not a clue how Peter knows it was Moses and Elijah. Maybe.....

1. Jesus introduced them by name. (The text does reveal that however)
 2. Moses & Elijah were wearing name tags. (Just kidding)
 3. The Holy spirit revealed it to them supernaturally:
- **1 Corinthians 13:12 (NASB)** ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. **Luke 16:23 - 24 (NASB)** ²³In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw* Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'

Interesting facts about Moses and Elijah:

- Moses and Elijah appear, talking with Jesus.
- Both are strongly tied to miracles and Messianic expectations. Moses, the ideal prophet (Deut 18:16–18), represents all the law. Elijah, the forerunner of the Messiah (Mal 4:4–6), represents all the prophets. Jesus embodies both men, the fulfillment of Israel's past and the hope of her future.
- In addition, both men came to an odd end. Moses was buried by the Lord (Deut 34:1, 6); Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind (2 Kgs 2:11).
- More than this, both Moses and Elijah had been rejected by their own people but vindicated by God.
- Will they be the two witnesses in Rev. 11?

Revelation 11:3 - 7 (NASB)

³And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

⁴These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

⁵And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.

⁶These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

⁷When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

³²Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

³³And as these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not realizing what he was saying.

³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud formed and *began* to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

³⁵Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!"

³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.

And while all of this was going on, the three privileged disciples were sleeping! (They would repeat this failure in the Garden.)

The Father interrupted Peter by bathing the scene in a cloud of glory (Ex. 13:21-22; 40:35, 38) and speaking out of the cloud.

As wonderful as these experiences are, they are not the basis for a consistent Christian life. That can come only through the Word of God. Experiences come and go, but the Word remains. That was why the Father said, "Hear Him!" and why Peter made this same emphasis on the Word in his report (2 Peter 1:12-21). Our own personal "transfiguration" comes from inner renewal (Rom. 12:1-2), and that comes from the Word (2 Cor. 3:18).

But.....Peter matured:

- **2 Peter 1:16 - 18 (NASB)** ¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"—
¹⁸and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.
- **Hebrews 1:1 - 4 (NASB)**
¹God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,
²in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.
³And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
⁴having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

Monday Morning Moment - "Not me first, but God first"

Luke 9:59 - 61 (KJV) ⁵⁹And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer **me first** to go and bury my father.

⁶⁰Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. ⁶¹And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; **but let me first** go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.