

The Transfiguration

What does the word "transfiguration" mean?

The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin roots *trans-* ("across") and *figura* ("form, shape"). It thus signifies a change of form or appearance. This is what happened to Jesus in the event known as the Transfiguration: His appearance changed and became glorious.

Why do Moses and Elijah appear on the mountain?

Moses and Elijah represent the two principal components of the Old Testament: the Law and the Prophets.

Moses was the giver of the Law, and Elijah was considered the greatest of the prophets.

The fact that these two figures "spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem" illustrates that the Law and the Prophets point forward to the Messiah and his sufferings.

This foreshadows Jesus' own explanation, on the road to Emmaus, of the Scriptures pointing to himself (cf. Lk. 24:27, 32).

Why was Peter's suggestion misguided?

The fact that Peter's suggestion occurs when Moses and Elijah are preparing to depart reveals a desire to prolong the experience of glory. This means Peter is focusing on the wrong thing.

The experience of the Transfiguration is meant to point forward to the sufferings Jesus is about to experience. It is meant to strengthen the disciples' faith, revealing to them in a powerful way the divine hand that is at work in the events Jesus will



undergo. This is why Moses and Elijah have been speaking "about his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem." Peter misses the point and wants to stay on the mountain, contrary to the message the two heavenly visitors have been expounding.

As a seeming rebuke of this, a theophany occurs: "A cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'"

What can we learn from this event?

The Transfiguration was a special event in which God allowed certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. But it was only a temporary event. It was not meant to be permanent.

In the same way, at certain times in this life, God may give certain members of the faithful (*not* all of the faithful, all the time), special experiences of his grace that strengthen their faith.

We should welcome these experiences for the graces they are, but we should not expect them to continue indefinitely, nor should we be afraid or resentful when they cease.

They may have been meant only as momentary glimpses of the joy of heaven to sustain us as we face the challenges of this life, to help strengthen us on the road that will--ultimately--bring us into the infinite and endless joy of heaven.

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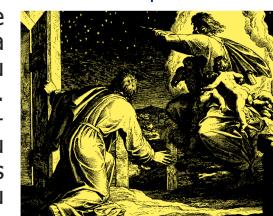


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Sila Božích sľubov

Ked' sa pozrieme na život "pravotca viery" Abraháma, zistíme, že jeho život bol položený na dôvere v Božie sľuby. Jedného dňa sa stala udalosť, ktorá zmenila jeho život. Boh sa mu prihovoril a kázal mu, aby opustil svoj domov, svoje príbuzenstvo a vybral sa na cestu do krajiny, ktorú mu ešte len ukáže. Abrahámova viera sa prejavila v tom, že uveril hlasu neviditeľného Boha a s dôverou sa vybral na cestu do neznáma.



porodí prisľúbeného syna. Vidíme tu, že napriek zložitej situácii Abrahám nepochybuje o Božom sľube, ba čo viac, vzdáva Bohu chválu, a tým je posilnený vo svojej vieri.

Na jeho príbehu vidíme, ako veľmi naša viera súvisí s naším vzťahom s Bohom. V spoločenstve s Bohom sa naše srdcia stretávajú s Jeho dobrotou a to posilňuje našu schopnosť veriť Mu v každej situácii. Božie sľuby ľudom sú základom, na ktorom stojí naša viera a zároveň nás

vedú k tomu, že môžeme zažívať Božiu pomoc v našom každodennom živote. V Božích sľuboch je ukrytá nadprirodzená sila. Práve v situáciach, ktoré sa nám javia ako prirodzene neriešiteľné, nás moc Božich prísľubov podopiera a nesie smerom k riešeniam, ktoré pre nás Pán pripravil.

Ludia, ktorí majú živý vzťah s Bohom, hľadajú Jeho prítomnosť a veria Jeho slovám, majú možnosť prežiť dobrý život. Preto sa spoliehajme na Božie sľuby a usilujme sa o dôverné spoločenstvo s Ním. Vtedy budeme v konkrétnych situáciach zažívať, ako veľmi je pravdivý výrok, že Boh je verný.

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