

## **“Before the Glory of God”**

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Today's gospel presents us with scenes of supernatural splendor: Jesus Christ is transfigured by the glory of God; Elisha watches his teacher, the prophet Elijah, ascend to heaven in a splendid chariot; and the psalmist celebrates a God who approaches humanity like a destructive fire. How can we interpret these images of divine radiance?

The gospel reading describes the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ. According to the story, Jesus takes three of his disciples (Peter, James and John) to the top of a hill. There Jesus changes appearance: his clothes become very white, and Elijah and Moses appear to talk with him. The disciples also hear a voice from heaven in which God proclaims Jesus as his beloved Son.

But these experiences seem very different from the way most of us experience the light or glory of God. Some of us feel the light of God when we listen to a majestic choir or when we walk in nature. But many people allowed that they never felt the light of God, or if they did they never understood it.

In the second letter to the Corinthians 4, the apostle Paul gives us a warning: the majority of the world is blind; most people simply cannot see the light of God; But the same passage Paul gives us the key to how to find that light: “The same God who commanded light to spring forth from darkness is the one who has caused light to spring forth from him in our hearts.”

That is the secret of God's light! It is a light that does not come from the glare of the television, nor from a digital screen. It's not even in the nighttime glow of a big football stadium! According to the apostle Paul, the light of God shines in the hearts of all people who strive to follow Jesus.

Our call, as Christian people, is to identify that light in our lives. In the letter to the Ephesians (5:8-11), Paul commands us to walk through life as sons and daughters of

light, and not to participate in the works of darkness. Paul explains that God's light produces "goodness, righteousness, and truth." In other words, that light changes our way of living and makes us kinder, upright and genuine people.

Some say they can only feel the glory of God when they visit a great cathedral. It is true that great temples can, in some way, be a source of inspiration. The silence and the music that is sometimes heard there can also inspire us. But couldn't it be that we can also discover the glory of God in our daily lives? Can we not also feel the presence of Jesus Christ when we prepare breakfast, drive to work, go out to buy groceries for the week? Unlike Peter, James and John, we surely will not have great visions of Moses and Elijah, but as the apostle Paul explains to us, what matters is to feel the light of God in our hearts and, then, begin to live as daughters. and children of light.

There are times that are especially appropriate to feel the glory or light of God: when we read the Bible, when we pray to Him privately or as a family, when we attend church and worship Him with song, prayer, and thanksgiving.

We can also feel the light of God when we carry out acts of justice: when we help those most in need, when we participate with our community in causes for the common good, when we ask for forgiveness from someone we offended, when we work for peace and reconciliation in our community. family, community or church.

More and more people are paying attention to the screens of phones, computers and televisions. But no matter how high technology, definition on screens, or splendid images, we do not need them to have the light of God in our lives.

We can explore our own heart and there find the light of Christ and learn to nourish and grow that light in our being. Then, we can share it with others, with the people who are in darkness.

Let us always seek the radiance of God in our hearts. His light will bring us calm and courage, give us spiritual guidance and will be a great blessing in our lives.

