

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:1-17 & Luke 9:18-36

SINGING: 247:1-6 – 322:1, 4 – 184:1-3, 6-7 – 71:1-5 – 208:1-4

Intro. The ABC of the Christian life is the A-Z of Jesus's life!

THE FATHER'S MESSAGES ON THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

I. A message for His beloved Son II. A message for His beloved children

I. The Father's Message for His Son was one of *encouragement*

A. The Lord Jesus introduced the cross about a year before (vs. 21-22)

1. The first two years was the nurturing and strengthening of faith
 - a. Jesus introduced disciples to 'new world of thinking – living (kingdom)
 - b. the disciples experienced this at times as very unsettling

2. Now the time arrived to *open up new chapter* about Himself

3. Peter's (& other disciples) reaction is utter shock (Matt. 16:22-23)

- a. to them Jesus' priestly office was completely hidden

B. The disciple's reaction must have been discouraging to the Lord Jesus

C. In that context did the Father encourage the Lord Jesus (Matt. 17:1-5)

1. By giving Him a *prelude* of the glory ahead (vs. 29; Heb. 12:1-3)
2. By commissioned Moses and Elijah to go and speak with Him (30-31)
 - a. Moses and Elijah represented the OT (Law and Prophets)
 - b. they spoke about His decease (compare 2 Peter 1:15) He would **accomplish**
3. By speaking a most encouraging word: Luke 9:35; Matt. 17:5
 - a. the significance of the 'bright cloud'

- b. the comfort of His Words: *This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*

D. Peter's suggestion is unfitting and rebuked by the Father (vs. 34)

II. The Father's Message for His Beloved Children is one of direction

A. Jesus' ministry of *word and deed* deeply challenged the disciples' thinking

1. His teaching about the ABC of the Kingdom life (vs. 23-27)
 - a. true conversion is *self-denial – taking up your cross – following Christ*

 - b. conversion isn't just in our *actions* but also in our *thinking*

B. Jesus' transfiguration was to encourage all the disciples!

1. Not only will Jesus be transfigured in glory: *all His disciples will also!*
 - *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see Him as He is.* (1 John 3:2)

 - *For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.* (Phil. 3:20-21)

C. In order to share that glory, we are to heed Father's direction: **Hear Him!**

1. Are you well-pleased with His message of death in Adam?

2. Are you well pleased with His message about Himself as Mediator?

3. Are you heeding the Father's sermon to *Hear Him*?

4. Are you understanding that *Hear Him* means *Embrace His teaching*?

TWO CLOSING QUESTIONS:

A. Where will 'not hearing Him' lead us to?

B. Where will hearing Him lead us to?