

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: UNAMBIGUOUS GLORY

Main Text: Matthew 17:1-8

Sermon Description: Having considered this monolithic milestone in Matthew’s gospel from the contextual perspectives of the disciple’s reaction and the ministry arc of Christ, we turn our attention to bigger picture realities heralded in the transfiguration of Jesus. This reference point in the grand unfolding of history’s theme is saturated with redemptive, prophetic, supernatural, didactic, theological, biographical, judicial, eschatological, covenantal, missional, and devotional significance! Here the hand of revelation peels back the cloak of humanity obscuring the total nature of Christ. The divine nature of Jesus contained like coiled springs encased in wax begins to burst forth under the noonday sun of divine decree. This is the unambiguous glory now displayed for all to see in scripture even as Peter, James, and John beheld it in person. No wonder why the birth of this man compelled the multitudes of heavenly hosts to exclaim: “Glory to God in the highest!”.

Head: Significance of the Transfiguration event relative to the following contextual perspectives...

1. COVENANTAL SITUATION

- a. New Covenant Administration (Jer 31:31-40, 32:36-41)
- b. Law and Prophets Fulfilled (Mat 5:17-18, Luke 9:31)
- c. Tale of Two Mountains (Heb 12:18-24, Ex 19:12,20:19, Deut 4:11,25)

2. COSMIC CONNOTATIONS

- a. Sovereign Son of Man (16:27-28, II Peter 3:5...)
- b. Triune Testimony (17:5, 3:17)
- c. Divine Nature (II Cor 4:7, Luke 1:76-79, 2:8-14)

Conclusion: Note the prior parallel manifestations of Christ’s incarnation we commemorate on Christmas including the testimony of the heavenly hosts trumpeting praises, themselves surrounded by the glory of God. The fearfully glorious message of unambiguous glory of the Godhead revealed is one of peace among those with whom He is pleased.

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FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: N.T. Administration	Theme: Law Fulfilled	Theme: Sinai vs. Zion	Theme: Sovereign Son	Theme: Triune Testimony	Theme: Divine Nature
Verses: Jer 31:31-40	Verses: Mt 5:17-18,17:3	Verses: Heb 12:18-24	Verses: Mt 16:27-17:6	Verses: Mt 13:17,17:5	Verses: Luke 2:8-14