

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18.

God made a covenant with Abraham because of his faith.

Second Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4:1.

If we persevere with Christ as our model, he will change our weakness into glory.

Gospel: Luke 9: 28b-36.

The Apostles Peter, James and John see Jesus in the glory of his future Resurrection.

Points for Reflection

When God made his covenant with **Abraham**, he allowed Abraham for a moment to see his glory in the form of fire.

In the same way, once **Peter, James and John** had accepted Jesus as the Messiah who had to suffer and die, they were allowed for a moment to have a glimpse of his future glory: the glory of his Resurrection. With a mixture of exaltation and awe, they recognized Moses and Elijah with him, symbolizing the law and the prophets, and Jesus as the Lord of both. Jesus spoke to them of his death as the necessary prelude to his Resurrection, according to the will of the Father, whose voice, proclaiming him as his chosen Son, was heard coming from a cloud.

If, as **Paul** tells us, we also are to be transfigured, it will mean following Jesus Christ, our Leader and Saviour, in everything, including a love for the Father and our brothers and sisters that might lead us to our cross. There is no avoiding the road of love that leads to our personal Calvary if we are to follow Him up the glory of the Resurrection.

It is difficult for us, as it was for the Apostles to follow, trust and love a Messiah obedient to death--even a death on a cross out of love for the Father and for us. We are so often tempted to follow our own standards of living instead of moulding our thoughts, desires, plans and actions upon our faith in Jesus.

As we are preparing for the celebration of Easter, God invites us once again to *"listen to his chosen Son"*. Though difficult it may be, if we answer God's call, he will transfigure us, too, and we will have his Son's glory and build a better world.

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