

**"TREASURED TRANSFORMATION!" - MARCH 3, 2019**  
**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**  
**EXODUS 34:29-35; 2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2; LUKE 9:28-36**  
**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**`If you change the paint, then you are going to have to change the tile. And if you change the tile, then you are going to have to change the carpet. And if you change the carpet, then you are going to have to change the furniture.’ Some times we like change. Some times we do not. Perhaps one reason we may be hesitant or resist change at times, is we are not sure where the changes are going to stop. `What if changing `that’, means we end up having to change `this’ as well?’ Today as we celebrate The Transfiguration Of Our Lord, we are reminded this treasured transformation up on the mountain is only the next in a whole list of changes. God’s grace began changing things a long time ago, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Then `The Word became flesh to live among us.’ Next Jesus was baptized and the next list of epiphanies was revealed. On the mountain top, Jesus and why Jesus came change once again, and who we are changes once again as well. Thanks be to God, a new look, a new outlook, a new direction, a new purpose, a new outcome and a new starting point are just a few of the treasured transformations that go on and on in God’s grace!**

1. In the Transfiguration Of Our Lord, The Spirit fills us with light and grace to see the treasured transformations breaking forth!
  - A. God’s grace began changing things a long time ago. Genesis 1
  - B. In the birth of Jesus, a change is made and God comes to us, in the Word that became flesh to live among us. John 1
  - C. In the Baptism of Jesus, the carpenter’s apprentice, The Christ, True God and True Man, changes to answer the call to preach, teach, heal and perform miracles for 3 years. Luke 3:21-22
  - D. In the Transfiguration Of Our Lord, in the light and grace of this epiphany, more treasured transformations break forth!
    - i. Jesus is transfigured to transform us, and to bless us with `a change in scenery.’ Where we are is different! Luke 9:28-30
    - ii. Jesus is transfigured to transform us, and to bless us with `a change in outlook.’ What we see is different! 2 Corinthians 4:1-2; Luke 9:32

- iii. Jesus is transfigured to transform us, and to bless us with `a change in look.' How we are seen is different! Exodus 32:29; Luke 9:29
  - iv. Jesus is transfigured to transform us, and to bless us with `a change in direction.' Where we go is different! Exodus 34:32-34; Luke 9:33
  - v. Jesus is transfigured to transform us, and to bless us with `a change in purpose and mission.' What we do is different! Luke 9:31,35-36
  - vi. Jesus is transfigured to transform us, and to bless us with `a change in outcome.' How we respond is different! 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; Luke 9:36
  - vii. Jesus is transfigured to transform us, and to bless us with `a change in starting point.' Where we begin next is different! Luke 9:28-29
2. The birth of a child, the death of a loved one, a mountain top experience, a touch of reality; so many events and moments and people, every day, can put into motion so many unanticipated changes. As we say thanks to God for the epiphanies sent our way this Epiphany season, let us trust and celebrate the list of changes and revelations and joys and callings and treasured transformations will continue as we enter the season and the journey of Lent. The One who treasures us first is changed to change us, and the list of changes goes on and on in God's light and grace! Luke 9:28, 35