

WEEKLY MEDITATION

... we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. (2 Peter 1: 19)

In the reading from 2 Peter for the feast of the Transfiguration (2 Peter 1: 12-19), the Apostle insists that the apostolic teaching concerning Jesus Christ is not a matter of myth or fable or some sort of cunning religious scam. The apostles are not con-artists. They are eyewitnesses to the power and majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ. They saw what they saw - and they heard what they heard - on Mount Tabor and they have shared their testimony with those willing and able to receive it. They have shared their testimony so that even though time and the years may pass, the truth about Jesus Christ will be firmly established for believers.

Believers - those who receive the testimony of the apostles (and this includes us) - have treasured the apostolic words concerning Christ as a consolation and inspiration in the face of anxiety and persecution and the passing of time. The apostle says to us: hold on to these words, hold on to what we have witnessed and shared with you, hold on to the revelation of the light and glory and majesty revealed in Christ - until the day of His coming again and your faith and trust are vindicated and He is clearly and openly seen and known.

The world can be like a dark place and our inner life can also be filled with darkness. This glimpse of glory on Mount Tabor, together with all the other revelations of the Lord's glory, and ultimately of His resurrection, are tokens of His love and His beauty, His majesty and His power, of His Kingdom which is to come. These are things mostly hidden in this world but manifested to - and experienced by - believers in wonderful moments when what is anticipated is given to us in a small, deep and intimate gift, as a foretaste of the joy to come.

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