

SERMON: A GOOD PLACE TO BE

Matthew 17:1-8

(1) And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, (2) And was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light. (3) And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with Him. (4) Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. (5) While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. (6) And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. (7) And Jesus came and touched them, and said, arise, and be not afraid. (8) And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no man save Jesus only.

Introduction

It had been six days since Jesus had queried the disciples about people's opinion of Him and in response, Peter declared that Jesus was indeed the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus took His inner circle to a high mountain for prayer and meditation. There He was transfigured. This mountain-top experience connected Peter's confession to another mountain: "Calvary." Yes, this supernatural experience was a prelude to Calvary.

Peter knew that this was a special time at a special place. Peter knew it was a blessing to be invited at the right place at the right time. I'm sure he also knew that a tragedy could occur if one were at the wrong place at the wrong time. Peter did not take this invitation lightly. Peter knew this was a special blessing because every disciple was not invited to go. He said, "It is good for us to be here." In other words, "This is a good place to be." Allow me to add a personal note. Antioch-Lithonia is a good place to be. It is a very good place to be and serve as your pastor. Now let's get back to the sermon. Why was this place a good place to be? Let's examine.

Exposition

1. It Is Good To Be Where Jesus Is.

2. It Is Good To, Temporarily, Be Above The Mundane Things Of Life.

3. It Is Good To Be In A Place Where The Past, Present, And Future Are

Put In Proper Perspective.

4. It Is Good To Be Where God's Glory Is Manifested In A Unique, Powerful Way.

Closing Thoughts

Sometimes we can choose our social and physical places in life. Other times, circumstances may choose our places for us. Wherever the place may be, it can be transformed into a place of usefulness and joy by the presence of Jesus. It is the Savior's presence and companionship that makes the difference. Give God Glory! Give God All the Glory!

Related Scriptures

Mark 9:1-8

Luke 9:28-36

John 1:14

2nd Peter 1:16-18