

Elevation

Pt. 3 - A Higher Place

- **We are called to a higher place for the purpose of transformation.**

Matthew 17:1-9, 1 Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. 2 As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. 3 Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus. 4 Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it's wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I'll make three shelters as memorials - one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him." 6 The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground. 7 Then Jesus came over and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 And when they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus. 9 As they went back down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Things to Know About a Higher Place

- 1. We discover who Christ is in a higher place.**

Matthew 17:5, But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him."

Philippians 3:10-12, 10 I want to know Christ - yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

- 2. Transformation requires separation.**

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Galatians 5:17, What your corrupt nature wants is contrary to what your spiritual nature wants, and what your spiritual nature wants is contrary to what your corrupt nature wants. They are opposed to each other. As a result, you don't always do what you intend to do.

3. We don't always know how to respond in an elevated place.

Matthew 17:4, Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it's wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I'll make three shelters as memorials - one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

4. Our attitude determines our altitude.

Matthew 17:6, The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground.

1 Peter 5:6, Humble yourselves, then, under God's mighty hand, so that he will lift you up in his own good time.

5. What happens on the mountain stays on the mountain.

Matthew 17:9, As they went back down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

- **A higher place is a holy place.**

Psalms 24:3-4, 3 Who may climb the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? 4 Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies.

Exodus 20:19, And they said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen. But don't let God speak directly to us, or we will die!"