

# Jesus Encounters

**Week 7: The Transfiguration - Behold His Glory**

**Matthew 17:1-8**

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# Behold His Glory

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*Matthew 17:1-8*

**“For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,’ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.”**

*2 Peter 1:17-18*

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**“No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.”**

*Revelation 22:3-5*

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**“And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.**

*Matthew 17:2 ESV*



**“Jesus is the one [Moses] longed to see. He’s not only the one coming up the mountain, he’s the one who’s come down onto the mountain. Moses’ glory is derivative; Jesus’ glory is essential.”**

*Patrick Schreiner*

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*Matthew 17:4-5 ESV*

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**“Do not be conformed to this world, but be  
transformed by the renewal of your mind, that  
by testing you may discern what is the will of  
God, what is good and acceptable and  
perfect.”**

*Romans 12:2 ESV*

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**“And we all, with unveiled face,  
beholding the glory of the Lord, are being  
transformed into the same image from  
one degree of glory to another.”**

*2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV*

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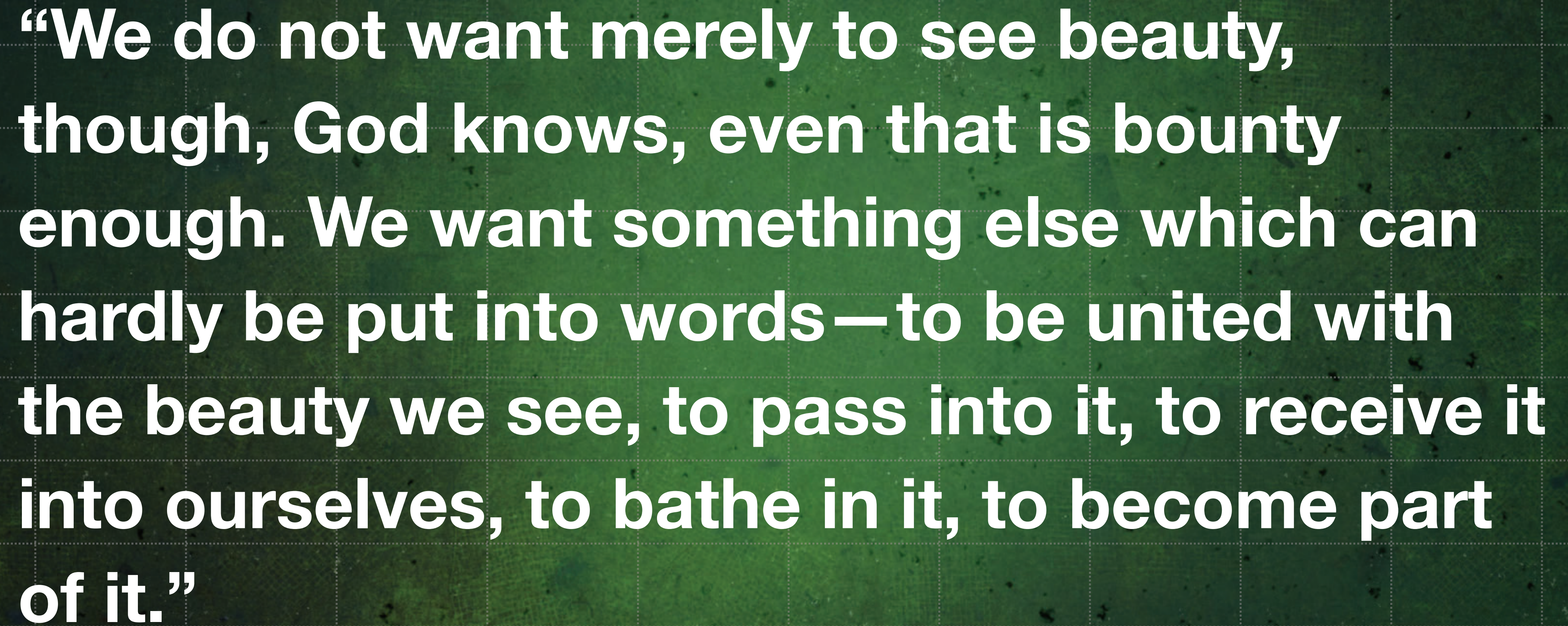
“He has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them **you may become partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

*2 Peter 1:4 ESV*



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**“We do not want merely to see beauty, though, God knows, even that is bounty enough. We want something else which can hardly be put into words—to be united with the beauty we see, to pass into it, to receive it into ourselves, to bathe in it, to become part of it.”**

*C.S. Lewis*  
*The Weight of Glory*

**Jesus' glory is shared with his people**

- **It beckons our present transformation**
- **It anticipates our eternal glorification**

# Jesus' glorious transfiguration anticipates our eternal glorification

“We await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who will **transform our lowly body to be like  
his glorious body...**”

*Philippians 3:20b-21a ESV*

# Jesus' glorious transfiguration anticipates our eternal glorification

“Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears **we shall be like him**, because we shall see him as he is.”

*1 John 3:2 ESV*

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**“Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it... Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’”**

*Matthew 16:24-25, 28 ESV*

**“When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and have no fear.’”**

*Matthew 17:6-7 ESV*



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