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2 Kings 2:1-12 (NIV)

Elijah Taken Up to Heaven

2 When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan.

⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

¹⁰ "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two

Psalm 50:1-6 (NIV)

¹ The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

² From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

³ Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.

⁴ He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵ "Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

⁶ And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (NIV)

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;

I'd rather be His than have riches untold;

I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands.

I'd rather be led by His nail pierced hand,

Chorus:

Than to be the king of a vast domain,

Or be held in sin's dread sway.

I'd rather have Jesus than anything

This world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;

I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;

I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame.

I'd rather be true to His holy name.

Chorus:

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;

He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;

He's all that my hungering spirit needs.

I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.

Chorus:

"Shine your light and make a positive impact on the world; there is nothing so honourable as helping improve the lives of others." ~ Roy T. Bennett

And God promised man that good and obedient wives would be found in all the corners of the earth.

Then he made the earth round
and laughed and laughed and laughed.

..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Beth Scorgie, who has a range of health issues at the moment.
- We continue to pray for John and Dianne Nash.
- We pray for absent members, especially those who are unwell.
- We pray for the Christian Church throughout the world.
- As St. Valentines Day approaches, we pray that the world may recognise true love.

Meg's Musings

At our house we often have phonecalls from people trying to get in touch with someone else. People ring us for taxis, Joblink Plus, the Ag Research Station, the Country Pantry, the Grande Motel, and an assortment of individuals. Then we also have an range of calls from people trying to sell us something, or requesting a donation. All of these calls are unsought, and we do our best to answer them politely. Isn't it good that we don't have to dial a number to talk to God - because it seems that lots of people would get it wrong. But no matter where we are, what problems we are facing, or what words we use to speak to God, He hears us, and responds in love. No technology or special words are required - God is always ready to listen to us. Isn't that good news!

Blessings from Meg



The universe is wired with the electricity of God, & each of us is a lamp. It doesn't matter the size or shape of the lamp; it only matters that the lamp is plugged in. With every prayer, every thought of forgiveness, every meditation, every act of love, we plug in. The more of us who plug in, to more the darkness of the world will be cast from our midst. Today, let's all increase love's wattage! ~ M Williamson

Climb Sunshine Mountain

Climb, climb up sunshine mountain
Heavenly breezes blow
Climb, climb up sunshine mountain
Faces all aglow

Turn, turn from sin and sorrow
Look to God on high
Climb, climb up sunshine mountain
You and I



Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart. ~ Mahatma Gandhi

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Mark 9:2-9 (NIV)

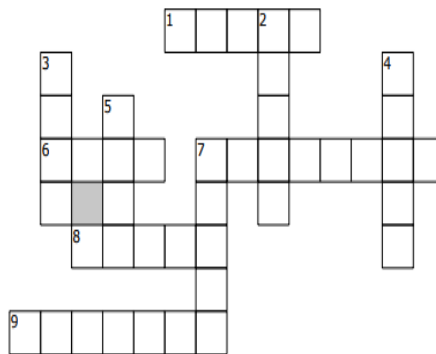
The Transfiguration

- ² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.
- ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.
- ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.
- ⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."
- ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)
- ⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"
- ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.
- ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

On the Mountain Top

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Based on Mark 9:2-9



ACROSS

1. The sound produced by the vocal organs; what we use to speak
6. Something that is pleasing, enjoyable, or of high quality
7. A raised part of the earth's surface, larger than a hill
8. The Son of God
9. Articles of apparel such as pants, shirts, dresses, etc.

DOWN

2. A white or gray mass of very small drops of water that floats in the sky
3. Having a great distance from top to bottom
4. The color of snow or milk
5. To have a strong feeling of affection for someone
7. Jewish leader who received the Ten Commandments



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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