

visage was more marred than any of the sons of men, when He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. All His life of humiliation on the earth was in reality a transfiguration. This was not a descent of glory upon Him from an outward source, but rather the refulgence of that inner glory concealed in His manhood. Now in prayer with the Father He becomes as He was before the foundation of the world. In His prayer recorded in John 17. He says, "O, Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory I had with Thee before the world was."

(b). They see Moses and Elias talking to Him. Moses, who had died on the summit of Nebo about fifteen hundred years before; Moses the liberator and legislator of the million and a half of Israelites, led out of Egypt; the man mighty in prayer and intercession, willing that he might be blotted out of the book if the people were only spared; the man who saw the land of promise afar off, but was not to lead the people into it. Now, after so many years have passed away, we find him in the land with the Messiah of whom he prophesied. These disciples see not only Moses but Elijah; that stern prophet of Israel, whose name was so descriptive of his faith; Elijah, who came so suddenly from the land of Gilead into the forefront of Israelitish history. He had been great in faith, great in the earnestness of his reformations, great in the miracles he was able to perform, and great in the wonderful translation by which he was carried up to God, without being called upon to pass through the gate of the tomb. How Peter and James and John knew that the companions of their Master, were Moses and Elias, we are not told. It may have been by the conversation to which they listened, or perhaps by some quick spiritual intuition they recognized these heroic figures of the past.

(c). They see a cloud which overshadowed them. For a time everything was hidden from their sight. Ruskin speaks of the frequency with which God is spoken of in connection with a cloud. When he went before the Israelites in the desert He led them by a pillar of cloud; when Solomon offered