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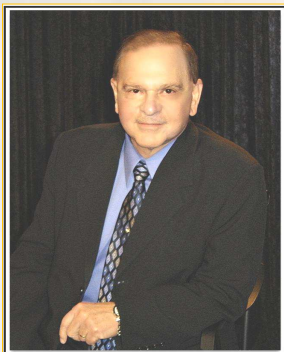


SURVIVING A STORM

By Dr. Henry A. Harbuck / PCAI Int'l President & General Overseer

Our heart and prayers go out to all those who have been affected by the recent storms in America and other countries. No matter how hard one may try to prepare for a storm, it seems lives are still lost and families devastated. At this time we must do all we can to help those in need.

This event brought to mind how we all experience unexpected spiritual storms. Please permit me to tell you a story: Some years ago, a television news camera crew was on assignment in southern Florida filming the widespread destruction of Hurricane



Andrew. The camera panned the area where, amid the devastation and debris, one lone house was still standing on its foundation. The owner was cleaning up the yard when a reporter approached him and said, "Sir, why is your house the

only one still standing? How did you manage to escape the severe damage of the hurricane?" "I built this house myself," the man replied. "I also built it according to the Florida state building code. When the code called for 2x6 roof trusses, I used 2x6 roof trusses. I was told that a house built according to the Florida code could withstand a hurricane (storm). Well, may I say, 'I did, and my house did.' It could be that no one else around here followed the code." This story gives us a good example of how one may survive a storm ... be prepared!

On a spiritual note, I am reminded of that moving hymn, "It is Well with My Soul," written by a Presbyterian lawyer, Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888) and composed by Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876). Without doubt,

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What Does the Transfiguration Show Us About “The Glory”



By Pastor Lynn Burling

Even on earth there were spiritual protocols that followed when Moses and Elijah appeared—“in *glory*” - “from *glory*” - “to Christ who became glorified.” Reading the account of Luke 9:29-30, notice the two did not appear until He (Jesus) was glorified and then it says, “*There talked with Him two men, Moses and Elijah... (vs. 31) who appeared in glory.*” Almost simultaneously this occurred. Notice Peter and the other two were heavy with sleep, and when they awakened, they saw His *glory* and the two men. Let’s examine for a moment this strange yet one of a kind biblical event. Jesus was perfect. He had laid aside His *glory* before He came to the World to be made flesh...human. Until the moment of the TRANSFIGURATION, Jesus had operated under the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit, but through this manifestation He showed three disciples the *glory* that was available to them. Christ’s prayer to the Father in John 17:22 NIV was, “*I have given them the glory that you gave me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.*” John 17:8 Jesus says, “*And now Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.*” Paul says that Christ took on the form of a SERVANT and then here on the Mount of Transfiguration, THE SERVANT TAKES ON THE FORM OF DIETY, revealing His *glory*. They (the 3) had only known Him up till now in a human body. In His glorified form, they saw a preview of His coming eternal glorification. How do, we know this? John 1:14, “*We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son...now watch this, Peter chimes in, in 2 Peter 1:16-18, “But we were EYEWITNESSES of His majesty...and we ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven WHEN WE WERE ON THE SACRED MOUNTAIN...” This was a very specific time and experience. For Christ to plan for this to be seen of these three was not insignificant. Now follow me here; only in the presence or glory of God do people “KNOW EVEN AS THEY ARE KNOWN.” (1 Cor. 13:12) Otherwise how would the disciples know that the two figures standing there with Jesus were Moses and Elijah? In the presence (or *Glory*) of God, revelation is released and information comes in a different nature. Mark’s account refers to chapter 9:7 in the word “overshadowed” (the cloud) as in the Greek word “Episkiazo” to invest with preternatural influence as beyond what is normal or natural, that which appears outside the natural leaning toward the miraculous. To violate the Laws of Nature—there is nothing natural about a *Glory* Cloud or to hear God’s voice or to see two men from Heaven and KNOW, have supernatural knowledge of who they are!*

My encouragement to the Saints of God is to seek His presence—seek His *Glory* for out of it we gain revelation - increased knowledge and wisdom. I believe this is truly referring to the five-fold ministry. It is absolutely necessary, human knowledge and

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it’s a matchless and deeply moving hymn that has long been cherished by people everywhere. As you may know, the story began when Spafford received news that his four daughters had drowned on a voyage to Europe when the ship went down (he later learned that not all had perished in the sea and were safe). After boarding a ship himself, he made the voyage to the exact spot where his family had endured shipwreck. Once there, Spafford looked over the waters where the tragedy occurred. Moved to tears by the sight, he sat down and wrote this poignant text that so accurately described his own personal grief -- “When sorrows like a sea billows roll ...” From that beginning sprang the words of the hymn, “It is Well with My Soul.” We should remember that Horatio Spafford did not dwell on the theme of “life’s sorrows and trials.” Instead, he focused on the third stanza which spoke of “the redemptive work of Christ” and also on the fourth verse which anticipates “His Glorious Second Coming.” Spafford has given us an example: When the difficult *storms* of life come our way (whether they are natural, emotional, or financial disasters), God will give us the strength to endure them and the ability to look beyond the tragedies of life to the Blessed Hope we have in Him of eternal life.

Are you prepared for the *storms* that will come in your life? A genuine believer in Christ may be tattered and worn by wind storms and life storms, but faith and endurance are the keys to bring us through them. As such, I close with this Scripture to encourage us all: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” (Hebrews 6:19) ♥♥♥

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Tax Date to Remember



In addition to regular semiweekly and monthly withholding requirements, churches/ministries should note the following dates. Keep good records!

*Need Help? Call PCAI Office
Dr. Jan Harbuck at 1-866-268-5600*

October 16th - If you have an automatic 6-month extension to file your income tax return for 2017, file Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ, and pay any taxes, interest, or penalties required.

October 31st - Churches having nonminister employees (or one or more ministers who report their federal income taxes as employees and who have elected voluntary withholding) must file an employer's quarterly federal tax return (Form 941) by this date. You may have to deposit the federal income taxes you withheld and both the employer and employee Social Security taxes and Medicare taxes. If your total taxes (line 10) are less than \$2,500 for the current quarter or the preceding quarter, you don't have to make a deposit. But to avoid a penalty, you must pay the amount in full with a timely filed Form 941 or you must deposit the amount on a timely basis. If you aren't sure your total tax liability for the current quarter will be less than \$2,500 (and your liability for the preceding quarter wasn't less than \$2,500), make deposits using the semiweekly or monthly rules so you won't be subject to failure to deposit penalties.

*Obey those who
rule over you, and be
submissive, for they watch
out for your souls, as those
who must give account.*

Hebrews 13:17

Important to Know who Judicial Candidates are and what they Believe

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This ministry receives dozens of question about how to know which judge to vote for in a judicial election. This is a valid question, as most judicial candidates are forbidden from ever campaigning on a certain platform, and some states do not allow candidates to show political party affiliation.

Many voters do not even know the names on the ballot. It is very important that every judicial candidate have significant legal experience, particularly in the courtroom. Judges make vital decisions every day that impact the lives of individuals and businesses in your community, including potentially your ministry.

Please call CLA Offices (1-888-252-1969) and ask for a free copy of their Judicial Questionnaire. It is designed to provide you a set of questions to ask your local judicial candidates to aid you in better understanding their background and character.

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understanding will not suffice. We must have a revelation of Him and from Him and it comes in His presence. These three had no 8x10s of these two guys from *glory*...but they immediately KNEW THEM. *Our measure of faith will be determined by the degree of revelation we have.* When His *glory* comes, it's great to bask in, but it's given for a *transformation* that allows us to minister in remarkable ways! More things can be accomplished in His *glory* in one-minute than we can accomplish in ministry in five years. The *glory* gets us there faster. Being in the *glory* is in the NOW. IT IS a current unfolding for us now, real time, for a fresh manna word. I agree with Bro. Peter, at least he said, *"It is good that we are here."* Praise God! Their vision, their comprehension was crystal clear and when the Father spoke out of the cloud—*"hear Him"*...so was their hearing. Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus in this *glory* about His exodus...his death, but death would not, could not destroy the eventual *glory* that was to follow. Also indicating for us as well as Jesus, that we might face death in the days ahead, but death in the Father's service is the way to *glory*. Even Jacob said on one occasion *"The Lord was in this place and I knew it not!"* How many of our churches empty out on Sunday and parrot the same message...*I never noticed His presence.* I sense that these men, Peter, James and John, were not "fill-ins" to accompany Him up that mountain. These three were VERY LOVED by Him and we might say they were always in *close proximity* to Him, and that carries a lot of weight. God will reveal His presence and *glory* and revelation to those who are in *close proximity* to Him. In National Security terms, they were read in on a *NEED TO KNOW BASIS*. (You only tell them the facts they need to know at the time they need to know it.) This describes the restriction of data which is considered very sensitive and Jesus decided they needed to know it at this time.

When someone you know and love, loves you and decides to include you *"in the glory that I had with my Father," now that's special.* Notice two more things. (1) Speaking about Peter in particular, Christ who invited him, knew Peter would denounce Him—*OUCH!*, but saw past His human failures and saw someone He loved dearly enough to give him, show him, and include him in true revelation. Sometimes our future shows up later in life, but it will manifest because He's interceding for us...and (2) how many of us come out of the presence and *glory* of God and one or two weeks later, the account is just a foot-note in our journals!

The definitions of transfigured is in essence "to be made more beautiful." (2 Cor. 3:17b-18 MSG.) *"And when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete. We're free of it! All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of his face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him."* Is this not a picture of going from *glory* to *glory*? Becoming more beautiful, like Him...In the *glory*, we are shown more and more, but also for a reason, to allow His *glory* to shine through us. *I think a sign of those who labor among us is their "freshness of revelation."* The Holy Spirit has come to show us things to come, revealing future events and information for our lives and others. The word "transformed" occurs in "continuous present" indicating *we are moving from glory to glory.* Revelation transforms people! But we have to obey the revelation, the new-now information.

*If we can be transformed,
we can transition. ♥*

Announcements

RENEWAL FEE:

Licensed Minister \$50.00

Ordained Minister \$75.00

TWO WAYS TO RENEW:

(1) Complete the credential renewal form that was mailed to you.

(2) ONLINE—you can fill out the renewal form by going to our website at www.paragonchristianalliance.org located under the "Resource" tab

Minister's Credential Renewal Forms Mailed Out

DUE OCTOBER 1st

NOTE:

TO AVOID \$100.00 LATE FEE
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