

FURTHER THOUGHTS Matthew 17:1-9 p. 1,524  
“Jesus Is the Son of God”

(vs. 5) While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

(vs. 6) When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. (as vs. 1 Psalm 99)

Yet they were seemingly ok with Moses and Elijah showing up: Peter-Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters — one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.

So what is this about?

We can be sure Peter is confused not at all sure what is going on (Luke – “*He did not know what he was saying*”). Peter is trying to manage the moment by talking/suggesting they do something.

That works while the **presence of God** is indirectly mediated by Jesus, Moses, and Elijah, until there is a more direct and fuller experience of God’s holiness/glory in the cloud and voice. Then it just all falls apart in **fearful/awe**.

Exodus 33:18-20 Moses - “*Now show me your glory.*”  
Lord - “*You cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.*”

**As in Psalm 99, the Relational aspect of God seen as well.**  
Jesus, Moses, Elijah / This is my son who I love, listen to him.

FINAL THOUGHTS 2 Peter 1:16-21 p. 1,894  
“*Word of Prophecy Made More Certain*”

Jesus tells disciples not to mention until he has been raised. Only then will they have some understanding of what Jesus as “*Son of God*” means, and what it means to “*listen to him*.”

Peter – We have the word of the prophets made more certain.

Hebrews 1:1-3 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s being.

**Sermon Notes 02-15-2026**

FIRST THOUGHTS Psalms 99 p. 936  
“*God Is A Holy King*”

God is...

**1. God is present**

(vs. 1) The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. (Ark of the Covenant)

Exodus 25:18-20 And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover. Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends. The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover.

Cherubim equate to where and when the Holy God chooses to reveal himself.

**2. God’s holiness is inseparable from justice**

(vs. 4) The King is mighty, he loves justice — you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right.

**3. God’s holiness is relational**

(vs. 6-7) Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the Lord and he answered them... (vs. 8) you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds. (Still present today)

Numbers 7:89 When Moses entered the tent of meeting to speak with the Lord, he heard the voice speaking to him from between the two cherubim above the atonement cover on the ark of the covenant law. In this way the Lord spoke to him.

**4. God’s holiness calls for response**

(vs. 1) let the nations tremble (fearful/reverent. Awe)

(vs. 5) Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

(vs. 9) Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

*Prayerfully, openly engage in relationships through Christ's love."*

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**\$690 raised so far for the Souper Bowl. Thanks.**

See hallway table for various sign- up sheets and ways you can help the ministry here at 1stUP.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Session  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Noon-Lent Lunch  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1:30pm Bright Spot

**BRIGHT SPOT**

The CLC committee is planning a music and game event for all in the Newville area who have memory issues and their caregivers/loved ones. It is called Bright Spot because it is designed to encourage fun and relaxation—a time to get away from the tasks of daily living. **Saturday, February 21 at 1:30 pm** is the event's date. We will begin with a get acquainted game, then enjoy music with Chip Messenger followed by Bingo and light refreshments. We need a few volunteers to help set up tables, greet folks as they come in and to offer assistance, if needed, during the event. A couple batches of cookies are needed, too. A sign up sheet is on the table. Help us to share God's love with our community. Questions? Call Rausa at 717-776-9142.

**Lent Reading materials on hallway table. Lent begins Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.**