

**“The Transfiguration – *A Preview of  
Coming Attractions*”**

**Matthew 17: 1-13**

**December 11, 2022**

Verse 1 - 2


**The Transfiguration Event**





# Two Streams from the Old Testament Converge in Jesus of Nazareth

A Divine Messiah



A Human Messiah

## Jesus has two distinct natures:

- 1) GOD
- 2) Human

Transfigured = “*metamorphoo*” = change of condition; changed from the inside out



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# What did the glorified Jesus look like?

## Revelation 1:14-15

**His head and hair were white like wool,  
as white as snow, and his eyes  
were like blazing fire.**

**His feet were like bronze  
glowing in a furnace,  
and his voice was like  
the sound of rushing waters.**



## Why the Transfiguration?

*Jesus was revealing who He really is – GOD!!*

*Jesus would be transformed to His glorified state, pre-human form – GOD!!*

## Verse 3

**Why Moses and Elijah?**

Luke 9: 30-31a -

*“And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease” (exodus)*

Luke 9: 31b

*“ . . . . which He was about to accomplish in Jerusalem” (His redemptive work)*

Redemption = Pay the purchase price; the ransom was paid; *Christ's life for our life*

"IT IS  
FINISHED!"

PAID IN FULL



Verse 4

**Peter believed in the Kingdom now**

Peter was thinking this must be the Kingdom now – **no death, no cross**

Peter was familiar with the Feast of Tabernacles (*Booths*), which is the picture of the Kingdom of God

Verse 5 - 6

**A stunning “*God Moment*” interrupts Peter**

**A visual moment:** A bright cloud

This is the visible manifestation of the presence of God; ***the Shechinah Glory of God***

**A voice moment:** The stunning and terrifying voice of God

**The result:** “ . . . . *they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid*”

The fearful voice at the giving of the Ten Commandments



# THE ENACTMENT OF THE LAW

The background of the entire slide is a dramatic, colorful illustration of Mount Sinai. The mountain is depicted with dark, jagged peaks and is surrounded by thick, swirling purple and blue clouds. Bright, glowing light emanates from the top of the mountain, with several bolts of lightning striking down. In the foreground, a large, diverse crowd of people is shown from a low angle, looking up towards the mountain. Many of the people have expressions of awe and fear. Some are wearing traditional head coverings and robes. The overall atmosphere is one of divine power and human terror.

What was the reaction before the enactment of the Ten Commandments?

"And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling" (Hebrews, 12: 21)

"Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.""

(Exodus, 20: 18-19)

Verse 7 - 8

**The Jesus touch – *from terrified to comforted!***

**Jesus touched them:**

*Think touch*

*Think cares*

*Think comfort*

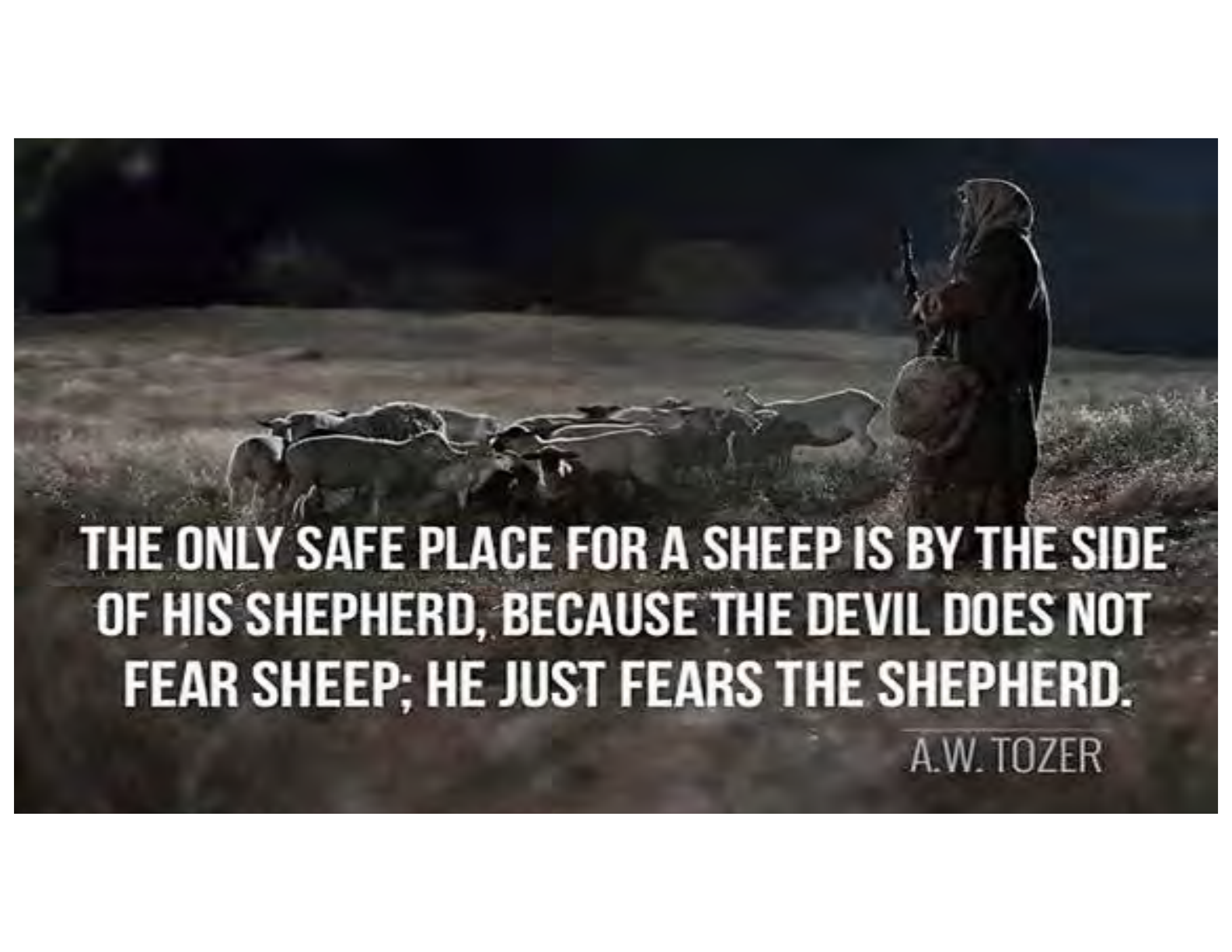
**Jesus to us constantly:**

***“Do not be afraid” - Revelation 1: 17***

**Think about Jesus' touch:**

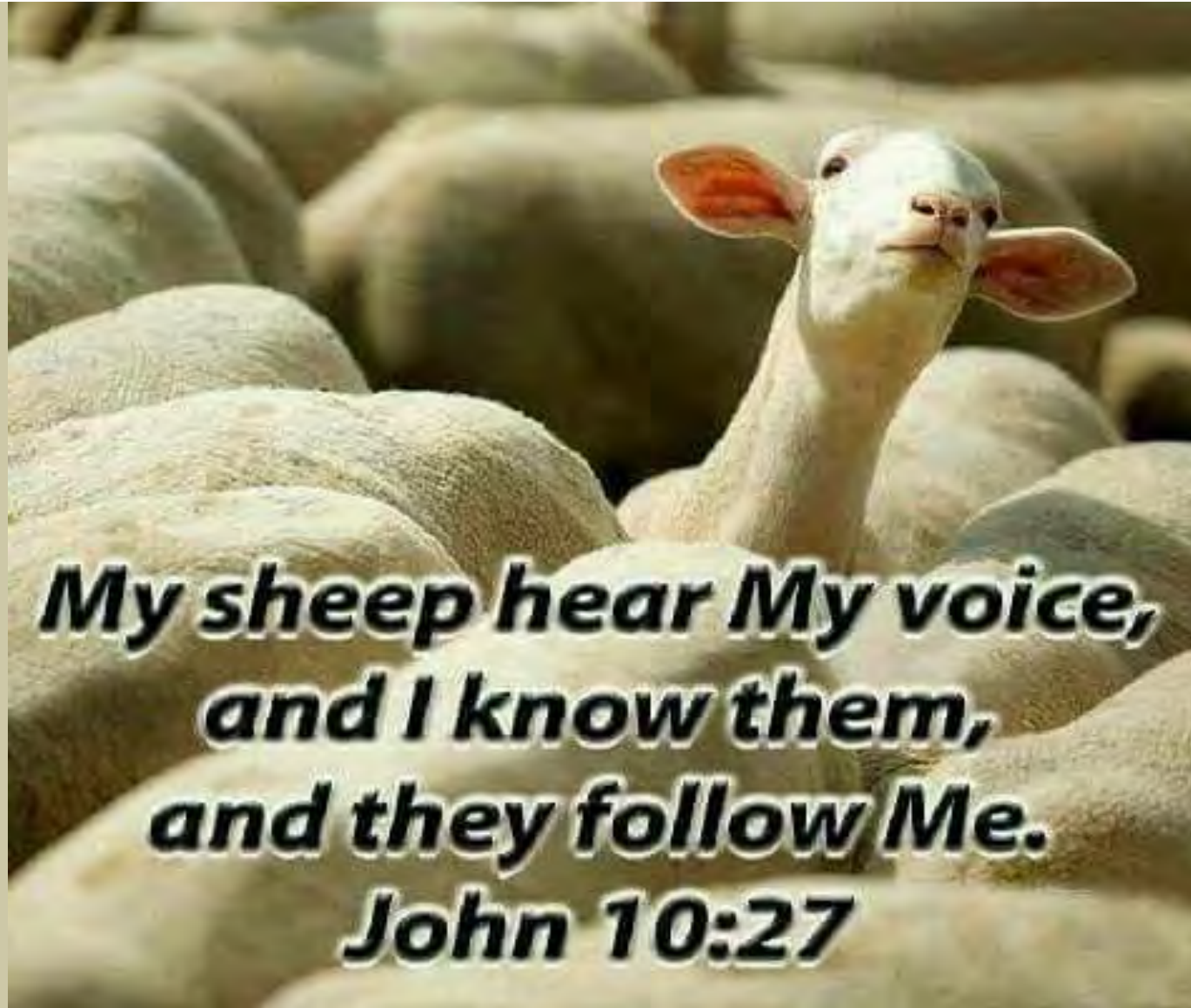
*Think Shepherd who is with the  
sheep and loves the sheep*

*The only safe place for the people  
of God is by their Shepherd*

A black and white photograph of a shepherd standing in a field, holding a staff, with a flock of sheep gathered around him. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The shepherd is wearing a dark, heavy coat and a hood. The sheep are clustered together, some looking towards the shepherd. The background is a dark, open landscape.

**THE ONLY SAFE PLACE FOR A SHEEP IS BY THE SIDE  
OF HIS SHEPHERD, BECAUSE THE DEVIL DOES NOT  
FEAR SHEEP; HE JUST FEARS THE SHEPHERD.**

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***My sheep hear My voice,  
and I know them,  
and they follow Me.  
John 10:27***

Verse 9

**Don't tell anyone, *yet***

**There is a time and a place to speak, and a time  
and place to keep silent**

**A time to speak to dispel the lies**

**A time not to throw *“pearls before the swine”***

Verse 10 - 13

**How does Elijah and John the Baptist  
play into this?**



Elijah is coming before Messiah – Malachi 4: 5-6

In Matthew, John the Baptist is a type of Elijah

*“Elijah has already come”* (speaking of John)

## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Jesus was giving His inner circle information on who He is – ***GOD INCARNATE!***

The Transfiguration is a ***“God moment”***

Jesus is God – ***“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God – Hebrews 10: 31***

This speaks of those who sin willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth – ***Hebrews 10: 26***

## What has happened to the fear of God?

The Hebrew word for fear is:

*“yare”* = awesome respect or tremulous fear


Where is the awesome respect for God in America? Where is the fear of God?

*There are a few, a remnant, that fear Him and respect Him*

These few (*remnant*) have a promise that this world does not have . . . . .

The promise of the **presence of God**, *no matter what!*

The promise that **God has His loving, everlasting, eye on you**



***Behold, the eye of the LORD  
is on those who fear Him, on  
those who hope in His mercy.***

***To deliver their soul from  
death, and to keep them alive  
in famine.***

***Our soul waits for the LORD;  
He is our help and our shield.***

***For our heart shall rejoice in  
Him, because we have trusted  
in His Holy Name.***

***Let Your mercy, O LORD, be  
upon us, just as we hope in  
You. Psalm 33: 18-22***

There is a Kingdom coming, we saw a preview  
this week

***THE KING IS COMING!!***

The ***“eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,  
on those who hope in His mercy”***

His eye is on those who ***watch and wait!***

In our world today, we see many previews of coming attractions

The real *“Attraction”* is knocking at the door

*Messiah’s footsteps* are getting louder and louder

***THE KING IS COMING!!***

***HE REALLY IS!!!***