

Tuesday narrative 3

THE TRANSFIGURATION ON THE MOUNT

Chapter 46 of *The Gospel of the Holy Twelve*

After six days, when the Feast of Tabernacles was near at hand, Jesus took the twelve and brought them up into a high mountain apart, and as he was praying, the fashion of his countenance was changed, and he was transfigured before them, and his face did shine as the sun, and his clothing was white as the light.

And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with him and they spoke of the Law and of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

Moses spoke, saying, "This is he of whom I foretold, saying, 'A prophet from the midst of your brothers, like unto me shall the Eternal send to you, and that which the Eternal speaks to him, shall he speak to you, and to him shall you listen; and whoever will not obey shall bring upon themselves their own destruction.'"

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you will let us make here three tabernacles; one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elias."

While he still spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and twelve rays as of the sun issued from behind the cloud, and a voice came out of the cloud, which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear him."

When the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were amazed, and Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise and be not afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And the six glories were seen upon him.

Jesus said to them, "Behold a new law I give to you which is not new but old. Even as Moses gave the Ten Commandments to Israel after the flesh, so also I give to you the Twelve for the Kingdom of Israel after the Spirit.

For who are the Israel of God? Even they of every nation and tribe who work righteousness, love mercy, and keep my commandments; these are the true Israel of God."

And standing upon his feet, Jesus spoke, saying,

"Hear O Israel, JOVA, thy God is One; many are My seers and My prophets. In Me all live and move and have subsistence.

You shall not take away the life of any creature for your pleasure, nor for your profit, nor torment it.

You shall not steal the goods of any, nor gather lands and riches to yourselves beyond your need or use.

You shall not eat the flesh, nor drink the blood of any slaughtered creature, nor yet anything which brings disorder to your health or senses.

You shall not make impure marriages, where love and health are not, nor yet corrupt yourselves, or any creature made pure by the Holy.

You shall not bear false witness against any nor willfully deceive any by a lie to hurt them.

You shall not do unto others, as you would not have others do unto you.

You shall worship One Eternal, the Father-Mother in Heaven, of Whom are all things, and reverence the Holy Name.

You shall revere your fathers and your mothers on earth, whose care is for you, and all the Teachers of Righteousness.

You shall cherish and protect the weak, and those who are oppressed, and all creatures that suffer wrong.

You shall work with your hands the things that are good and seemly; so shall you eat the fruits of the earth and live long in the land.

You shall purify yourselves daily and rest the Seventh Day from labor, keeping holy the Sabbaths and the Festivals of your God.

You shall do unto others as you would that others should do unto you."

When the disciples heard these words, they beat on their breasts, saying, "Wherein we have offended; O God, forgive us, and may thy wisdom, love, and truth within us incline our hearts to love and keep this Holy Law."

Jesus said to them, "My yoke is equal and my burden light; if you want to bear it, to you it will be easy. Lay no other burden on those that enter into the kingdom, but only these necessary things.

This is the new Law unto the Israel of God, and the Law is within, for it is the law of love, and it is not new but old. Take heed that you add nothing to this law, neither take anything from it. Truly, I say to you, they who believe and obey this law shall be saved, and they who know and obey it not, shall be lost.

But as in Adam, all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. And the disobedient shall be purged through many fires; and they who persist shall descend and shall perish eternally."

As they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, "Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead."

His disciples asked him, saying, "Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Elias truly shall first come and restore all things.

But I say to you, that Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done to him whatever they chose. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer from them." Then the disciples understood that he spoke to them of John the Baptist.