

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1: 16-19

Mark 9: 2-10

Today I was struck by the number of words in the mass setting, Readings and Gospel that related to the ‘senses:’ heard, hear, listen, show, watched, gazed, saw, seen, spoke, spoken, appeared, talking, said, say and looked. Is it not through our God-given senses of sight hearing, touch and even taste, that we are LED to know God ever more fully? But we must keep open to and believe in his Word. When we do, our senses are highlighted and we too can experience the sight of God in our lives.

Daniel experienced the majesty of God in a dream. Peter, James and John witnessed the Transfiguration of Jesus standing with Elijah and Moses on the mountain top. They did not experience these things by chance. They were led and blessed by their belief and desire to follow God/God in Jesus. In fact, they were ‘chosen’ to experience, through their heightened senses, brief encounters with the Lord in all his glory. And it is the same for us also.

In our quest for God, we encounter many hills and troughs. Our faith, weak though it may be, is rewarded by ‘glimpses’ of God’s glory. In the beauty of a glowing sunset, the quietness of prayer, the joy of new birth or even being present at the death of a loved one, we can be ‘led’ to feel and know his presence.

“So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies: and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the Lord comes and the morning star rises in your minds.” (2 Peter V 18-19).