



“My Lord and my God!” – John 20:28



Facing the Glory of God

Thomas Sunday

Coming Face to Face with God

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' **For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.**" (Lk. 17:20-21)

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (Jn. 4:24)

Abraham

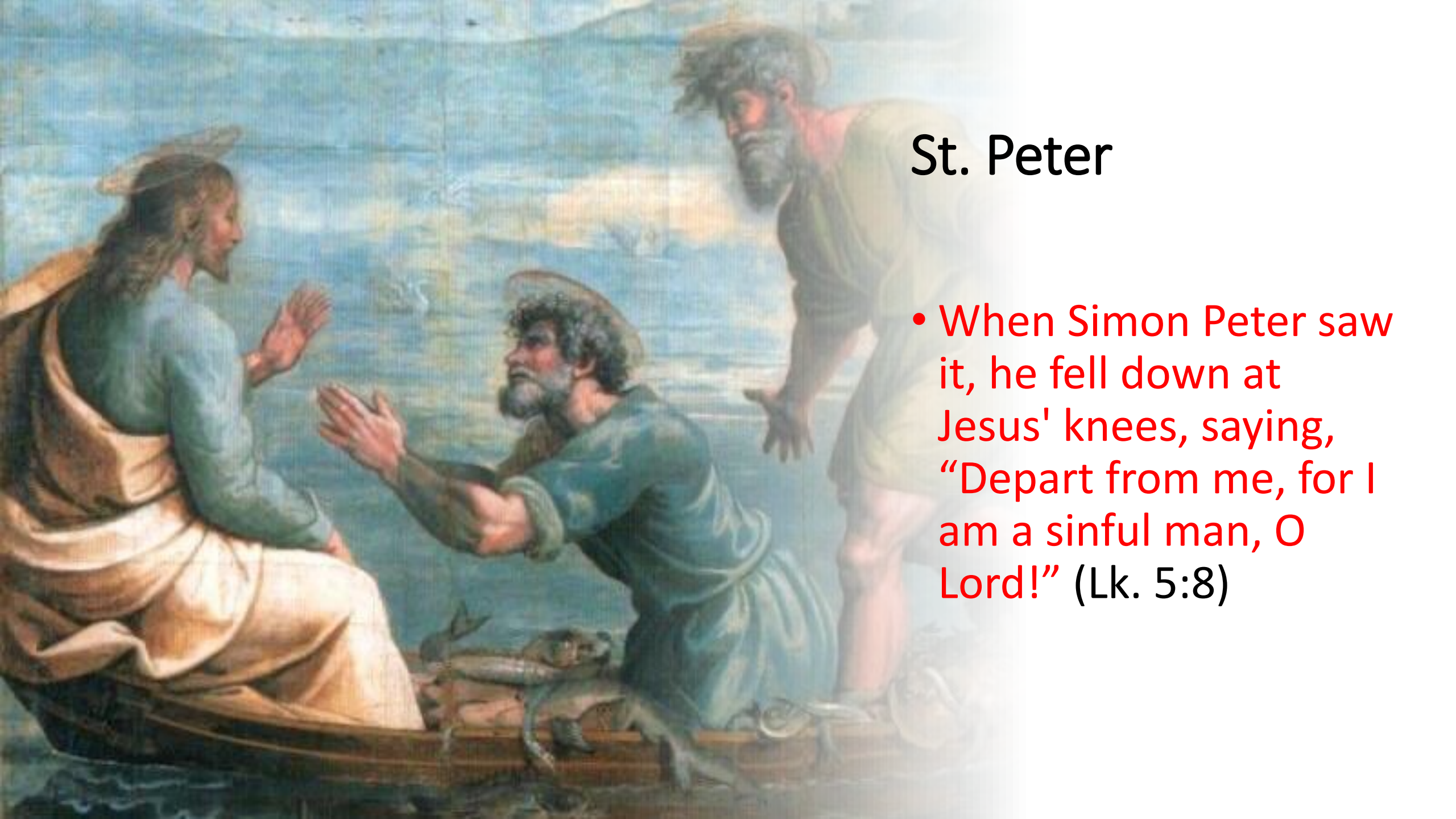
- Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.” (Gen. 12:1)
- Commitment





Jacob

- “I will not let You go unless You bless me!” (Gen. 32:26)
- So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: “For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.” (Gen. 32:30)
- Struggle

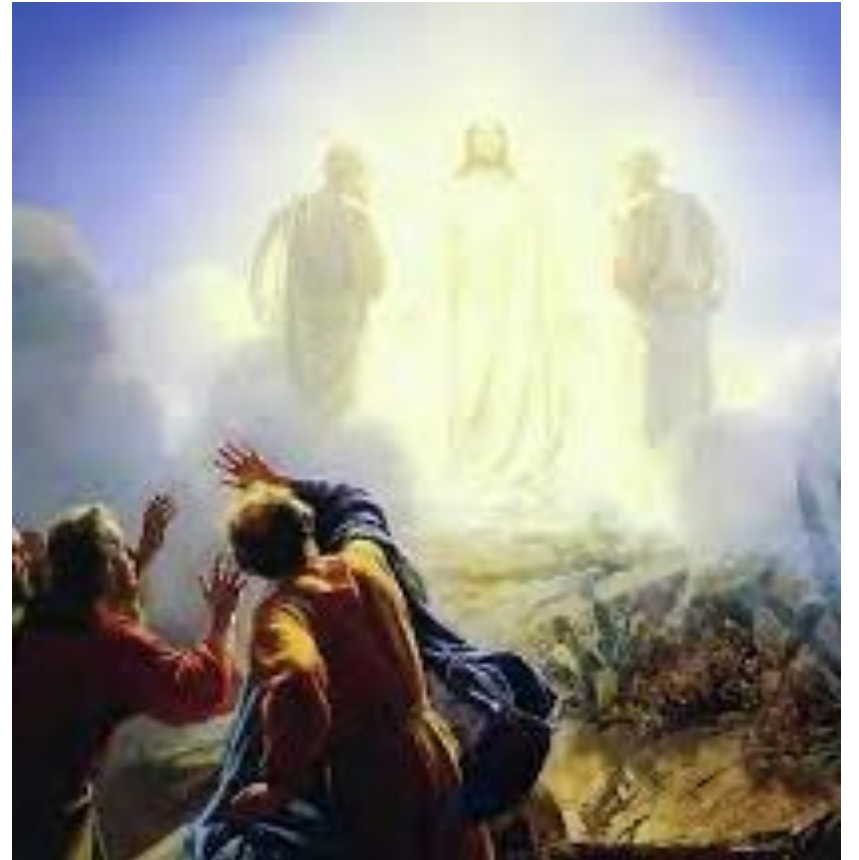


St. Peter

- When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (Lk. 5:8)

The Transfiguration

- While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” (Lk. 9:34-35)
- “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.” (Jn. 5:28-29)





St. Thomas

- “My Lord and my God!” (Jn. 20:28)

Conclusion

- St. Thomas – drove him to worship and praise the Lord
- Abraham – committed to His covenant
- Jacob – struggled and was victorious
- St. Peter – saw his true self
- Transfiguration – glimpse of our promised resurrection and glory
- “They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.”
(Rev. 22:4)

Conclusion

- Desire to meet the Lord face to face in:
 - Prayer
 - Scripture
 - His house
 - His people
 - His creation