

Thought for the Day 16th June - Joan Loane

Robert Murray McCheyne (1813-1843) was a young minister in Dundee, Scotland in the late 1830s. After one of the meetings of ministers, an old Highland minister said of him, 'I have never before seen one in whom I see Christ shine as He shines in the face of that young man.'

McCheyne preached his last sermon in Broughty Ferry on Isaiah 60:1... 'Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.' He developed a fever and died days later. After his death they found a letter under his pillow. It said: 'Dear Mr. McCheyne, I heard you preach in Broughty Ferry last Sabbath evening, and your sermon brought me to Christ. It was not anything you said, but it was what you were as you preached. For as you preached, I thought that I had never seen the beauty of holiness as I saw it in you. You were talking about the glory of our God resting on the Saviour, and I saw the Saviour's glory rest on you. That brought me to Christ.'

We see glimpses of God's glory in the Bible... Moses saw a little of it as God passed by him when he was hidden in the cleft of the rock, and the disciples saw it at the Transfiguration and when Christ ascended to His Father. These uneducated men were able to do amazing things after they received the Holy Spirit. The onlookers noted that they had been 'with Jesus'. (Acts 4:13)

Our lives have been changed dramatically of late, thanks to the virus. We can't go to church or do a lot of our normal activities. But in their place, we have a great opportunity to reorganize our lives. Some things we can change permanently. Let us discipline ourselves to make sure that one of these changes is to spend more time 'with Jesus'.