

Food for Thought Picturing the Lord

The Word can help us develop a picture of the Lord in our minds by teaching us about His love, His wisdom, His mercy, and many other qualities. The Word also gives us some descriptions that can help us picture the Lord as He is in heaven:

- Read about the Lord's transfiguration before Peter, James, and John (see Matt. 17:1-8).
- You might also wish to read how the Lord appeared to the apostle John (Rev. 1:12-14).
- The Heavenly Doctrines tell us that a wise person would cherish a picture of God as one Divine Person with rays of heavenly light around His head, thinking "This is our God, at once Creator, Redeemer and Regenerator, and so Savior" (TCR 296:4).

As we picture the Lord in our minds or in artwork, it is important to think about what the Lord *does*. Think about the Lord creating and preserving everything good. Reflect on His love for all people and His continual efforts to lead them to the happiness of heaven.

Portraying the Lord in Artwork

- If you have artwork picturing the Lord, what do you like about these pictures?
- If you were going to paint a picture of the Lord, what would try to portray? His loving kindness? His great power over evil? His mercy? The light of His Divine wisdom?
- Why might it be useful to have artwork picturing the Lord our God in different ways rather than focusing on one representation of Him?