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There I stood  
    a marked man.  
Marked with this sign  
that cries out to the world  
    of my faults,  
    my shortcomings,  
    my sin.  
Sin that runs much deeper  
than the superficial mark made  
    by soot and ash.  
This mark, so easily removed,  
is nothing but a reminder  
that my sin is much harder to vanquish.  
For that...there is work to be done.  
To be authentic...real.  
To honor the act  
    of receiving this mark in the first place.  
    Searching. Seeking. Accepting.  
A lot to be done.  
A tall order for forty days.  
And yet, like the markings  
That have come in years before  
Each honored in their own way  
    by the work on self which followed  
Until, once again, like the phoenix,  
I rise  
From ashes to glory  
From darkness into the Son

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