

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson VIII.—Fourth Quarter,
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Text of the Lesson, Mark ix, 1-13.
Memory Verses, 9, 10—Golden Text,
Luke ix, 35 (R. V.)—Commentary
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This lesson, like the last, is recorded by Matthew and Luke as well as by Mark. It was the one occasion on which the glory which was always in Him was allowed to shine through in this particular way. In the tabernacle and in the temple the glory of God was always in the holy of holies above the mercy seat, between the cherubim, but the veil concealed it—the veil which was rent in twain from the top to the bottom in the midst when He died and which, we are told in Heb. x, 20, represented His flesh or body. John says that "the word was made flesh and tabernacled among us, and we beheld His glory."

As he makes no record of the transfiguration, possibly he refers to it in this saying, as well as to His whole life on earth. Peter undoubtedly refers to the transfiguration when he says, "We made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and were eyewitnesses of His majesty," for he mentions the holy mount and the words from the Father (John i, 14; II Pet. i, 16-18).

In connection with the coming of Christ in glory which He mentioned in last week's lesson He said that some of those who stood there would not taste of death till they had seen the kingdom of God come with power or the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Then after six intervening days, or, as Luke says, about eight days, He took Peter and James and John into a high mountain, apart by themselves, and as He prayed He was transfigured before them. It seems to me that the wonder was not that the glory now shone through the veil of His flesh, but that it was always there, yet concealed. But it was, as to His whole life, the time of His appearing as one to us, sin excepted (Heb. ii, 14).

His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white and glistening, shining, white as the light, white as snow. When Moses came down from the mount the skin of his face shone so that he had to wear a veil while he talked with the people (Ex. xxxiv, 29-35). That must have been reflected light. He did not wear the veil when he went in to talk with the Lord and possibly only after he had done talking with the people. Stephen's face seems to have reflected something of the same light (Acts vi, 15). How wonderful the statements concerning us in Matt. xiii, 43; I John iii, 2. Consider for a little these two men from heaven who are talking with Jesus and whom the three favored disciples saw and seemed to know, for Peter mentions them by name.

It was over 1,400 years since Moses died, and was buried on Mount Nebo (Deut. xxxiv) and perhaps 900 years since Elijah was taken from the side of Elisha on the east of Jordan by a whirlwind and horses and chariot of fire (II Kings ii), yet here they are, alive and well and recognized, as no doubt we shall know all in the glory without introductions. They talked with Jesus about His decease, which He should accomplish at Jerusalem (Luke ix, 31).

By virtue of that atoning death they and all the redeemed from Abel onward had enjoyed centuries of bliss, as it were, on a preliminary note now about to be paid. None are in glory nor ever can be except by virtue of that precious blood in due time shed on Golgotha. It is the blood that maketh atonement, and without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins (Lev. xvii, 11; Heb. ix, 22). The disciples were heavy with sleep (Luke ix, 32), and so it was also in Gethsemane. Are we not all in a measure asleep to the great things of God? How often we talk as foolishly as Peter, who suggested the three tabernacles, not knowing what to say.

That is a good word for us. "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Eph. ii, 14). As Peter spoke a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him." And they saw no man any more save Jesus only with himself (verses 7, 8; Matt. xxvii, 5-8). To Him give all the propheta witness, and so it must be Jesus only. The Lord alone shall be exalted. See now the kingdom in miniature—the Lord Jesus glorified and with Him the risen saints represented by Moses and the translated saints represented by Elijah. The three disciples may represent all Israel made righteous and the multitude at the foot of the hill the people to be blessed when the kingdom comes.

Blessed are all who see the glory of His kingdom, endeavor now to walk worthy of it and live to hasten it. As they came down from the mount He charged them to tell no one of the wonders they had seen till the Son of Man should be risen from the dead, but just what that saying meant not one of them could tell (verse 10). For they did not believe that He was to die. They remembered some of the last words of Malachi concerning Elijah and spoke of them, and Jesus endorsed them and said that they would surely be fulfilled, but that there had been already a fulfillment in John the Baptist.

SIRES AND SONS.

Vincent Astor, New York, remarks, "I'm too busy for love or college."

Charles H. Fawcette, eighty-four, of Boston is the only male survivor of the famous "Brook Farm" colony experiment of 1840.

Ernest J. Titus, superintendent of dining cars of the Northern Pacific, who has built up the present table service of the road, was a checker in a Chicago restaurant ten years ago.

Sir Samuel Fay, recently knighted by King George of England, is general manager of the Great Central railway, and, though one of the most prominent figures in the railway world, he began as a junior clerk in a wayside country station on a branch line.

Professor Motoori, who was commissioned to compose the dirge to be used at the funeral of the late emperor of Japan, is a prominent member of the faculty of the Imperial Academy of Music at Ulyeno. He has written a number of musical compositions.

Winfield Scott Timeman, chairman of the General Managers' Association of Chicago and of the Association of Western Railways, has worked his way up from the bottom of the ladder. He entered the railway service in 1882 at Trenton, Mo., as office boy for the Rock Island line.

New York's "System."

The terror of the gang must be real when a man had rather remain in jail than go free.—New York American.

These are hard days for those whose hands as well as minds are full of vice and crime.—New York Tribune.

Viewed from any angle, the verdict of the Becker jury is the most terrible blow that the wicked and flaunting alliance between the guardians of the law and the violators of it has ever received.—New York Post.

The Becker verdict leaves the police department of New York in a shameful position. The time has come now for a vigorous and fearless investigation of that branch of the city government, for a thorough overhauling of it.—New York Times.

College and School.

Columbia university in point of attendance is third on the list of the world's greatest institutions of learning.

The moving pictures are to be employed in the London schools to illustrate lessons in botany, ornithology, entomology, science and geography.

The Saxon government has decided against the project for a university at Dresden on the ground that the learned professions are already overcrowded and that the government does not regard the maintenance of two universities of the first grade as practicable.

Sporting Notes.

The University of California is to have a golf club.

Fred Clarke has signed to manage the Pirates in 1913.

The Baltimore poultry show will be held Dec. 21, 1912, to Jan. 4, 1913.

The New South Wales Rugby Football league plays an English team to visit it next year.

Chicago followers of Gaelic football plan to pick an all American team and tour the world, starting next April.

Wireless Whispers.

Wireless telegraphy has been given the credit for saving twenty-two ocean going vessels from loss in the last three years.

Test messages of wireless telegrams sent in Peru with five kilowatt power passed the Andes mountains from 14,000 to 20,000 feet high.

An Englishman has mounted a wireless telegraph outfit on the motorcycle and receives and sends messages while traveling over the country.

Automobile Runs.

Kansas has 16,000 motor vehicles used in farm work.

Dozens of New York firms are installing automobile moving vans.

For children an electric automobile has been built with a one-half horsepower motor and a speed limit of four miles an hour.

Some eighty-seven manufacturers will be represented in the New York auto show January next in Madison Square Garden.

German Gleanings.

Every German bank clerk speaks at least one foreign language.

During the past thirty years the population of Germany has increased by 20,000,000.

Last season 1,800 concerts took place in Berlin, and out of these only 150 showed a profit.

Female school physicians have recently been appointed in four German cities—Munich, Nuremberg, Colmar and Hochst.

Short Stories.

There are 8,500 steamers on the seas. The government mint at Denver is operated entirely by electric power, motors totaling 300 horsepower being used.

Electrical current is said to kill all germs in oysters when properly applied to water in which they are submerged.

San Francisco announces that the Panama Pacific exposition buildings will be ready June 25, 1914. The exposition is to open Feb. 20, 1915.

Yellow Fever.

There is a marked peculiarity about yellow fever which distinguishes it from most epidemics. It is essentially a disease of a hot climate, and it takes a certain amount and duration of heat to awaken it to life. It is said that it can never prevail where Indian corn will not ripen.

Dublin's Big Park.

Phoenix park, Dublin, has an area of 2,000 acres.

The Largest Domes.

Among the largest domes in the world are the Pantheon at Rome, 142 feet diameter, 145 feet high; baths of Caracalla, Rome, 112 feet diameter, 116 feet high; St. Sophia, Constantinople, 113 feet diameter, 201 feet high; St. Maria della Fiore, Florence, 130 feet diameter, 810 feet high; St. Peter's, Rome, 137 feet diameter, 330 feet high; St. Paul's, London, 112 feet diameter, 215 feet high.

French Colonies.

French colonies and dependencies in all parts of the world have an area of 4,000,000 square miles and a population of 40,000,000.

Ancient Football.

Modern football is a direct descendant of an ancient Roman game called "harpastum," in which the object of the players on each side was to seize the ball and carry it by some means or other across a line marked on the ground in the rear of their opponents.

No Peace For Discoverers.

It is remarkable how few of the discoverers and conquerors of the new world died in peace. Columbus died of a broken heart. Balboa was disgracefully beheaded. Cortes was dishonored. Sir Walter Raleigh was beheaded. Pizarro was murdered. Ojeda died in poverty, and Henry Hudson was left to the mercy of the Indians along the bay which he discovered.

British Battleships.

In the classification of battleships in the British navy no ship is considered first class unless she fires a broadside of at least 6,000 pounds.

Fish In Copenhagen.

Copenhagen has a model fish market built by the municipality. With the exception of the larger varieties, like cod and halibut, all the fish are kept alive in tanks filled with running water. There is no other town where all the fish, whether cheap or dear, are so beautifully fresh.

Ireland.

Out of the twenty odd million acres which comprise Ireland nearly one-seventh are barren, being moorland, turf bog or marsh.

No Gold Magnet.

No one so far has been able to make a magnet which will attract gold. Could this be accomplished its enormous value would scarcely be realized, for it would make it possible to work rock from which no known process has been able to extract gold in paying quantities.

Two Volcanoes.

Vesuvius and Etna are never both active at the same time.

Adder Stones.

The singular superstition of the value of adder stones for curing a variety of ills has continued in many countries from the time of the Romans. These celebrated charms are nothing more than antique green or blue glass striped in various designs and perforated. The virtues of these stones are sung in the poems of the ancient druids and are mentioned by Pliny and other classical writers.

Mines In Southern Spain.

French, British and German capitalists control most of the mines in southern Spain, the Spanish having always been unwilling to invest money in mining.

Man's Thumb.

The radical difference between the hand of man and of the monkey lies in the thumb. In the human hand the thumb has the "opposing power," which means that the thumb can be made to touch the tip of each or any of the other fingers on the same hand. The monkey's thumb is nonopposable.

Belled Horse.

The Swiss horse is apparently a very musical animal—or not, according to the bearer's ear. Strings of bells are hung round its neck, producing a musical jangle at every step.

Lead Pencil Writing.

Sometimes in an emergency one has to address a letter or a postcard with a lead pencil, and there is always the danger that the writing will become blurred before it reaches its destination. To prevent this breathe on the writing and then blow on it, and it will remain clear for some time.

Flight of Birds.

Some birds have a long range of flight, such as the martingale, wild goose and several members of the vulture tribe. In general birds are restricted to certain geographical areas, although the same fishing eagle that inhabits the shores of Scotland is seen in south Europe.

"Sleeps Like a Mouse."

We all use the expression "Sleeps like a top," but few know from what the term arose. It is a proverb of Italy. The Italian word top means a mouse, and the proverb is "El dormo como un topo," or "He sleeps like a mouse."

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