

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

WITNESSES OF HIS GLORY

International Sunday School Lesson
For January 18, 1953.

Memory Selection: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."—Matthew 17: 5.

Lesson Text: Matthew 17: 1-8, 14-18.

Matthew records that, six days after what we have come to call Peter's "Great Confession" as to the deity of Jesus, this deity was confirmed. Taking with him three of his disciples—Peter, James and John—the three who accompanied him on most of his important missions, Jesus climbed to the top of beautiful Mount Hermon, on whose head the snow lies all the year around. Here, far above the milling throngs below, an amazing thing happened.

As Jesus prayed, "the fashion of his countenance was altered and his face did shine as the brightness of the sun, and his garments became white as the light." Two heavenly visitors arrived and were recognized immediately by the disciples as Moses and Elijah—two outstanding men of the old dispensation, representing the law and the prophets, respectively.

"Moses had received the law and given it to the people. Elijah had called the people back to the law," says G. Campbell Morgan. "They were the two most remarkable figures in the whole of the Mosaic economy. Moses' presence signified that in Jesus, the shadows of the law were all fulfilled and now withdrawn. Elijah stood now upon the Mount to acknowledge that, in this Transfigured One, all the hope of heaven begins and ends, and that, in him, every prophecy of the past is fulfilled."

"Whether the Transfiguration was a wholly objective reality, or a wholly subjective experience, or a combination of both, its significance is the same," says W. P. Beham. "The vision came to convince the disciples of the truth of Jesus' announcement, and to hearten them in the face of it. Among other things, it taught them: (1) Messiahship and martyrdom are the divine plan; (2) the character of the Messianic Kingdom is above all things spiritual; (3) Jesus is indeed the Messiah; they had not been mistaken; (4) Judaism is not overthrown, but glorified in Jesus; (5) I owe submission to but one, and that one is Jesus: 'Hear ye him.'"

Three times, during the earthly ministry of Jesus, the heavenly voice testified as to him. The first was at the time of his baptism, in the beginning of his ministry. The last time was in Jerusalem, just before his final rejection and crucifixion. The other occasion was at the time of the Transfiguration, recorded in our lesson text. "I take the Transfiguration to be a great lesson in prayer, and I urge that more and more of it should enter into our life. It is difficult. It will not be accomplished without a strenuous effort to shake ourselves free of the clinging material things, but it is worth far more than all the effort we can make," says Charles Brown.

"We are living as if this world were all, and often as if there were no God, and I believe that the constant habit of prayer would alter that. It would introduce us to the larger life. It would not change our circumstances, but it might change our spirit. It would lead us to look beyond our circumstances, which do change, to the great and abiding facts of life, through the mists of the everlasting hills."

Dazed and awed, the disciples looked on, until Peter, in his impulsiveness, suggested that they build tabernacles on the mountaintop so that they might remain in such a celestial atmosphere. Peter, of course, did not understand the meaning of what he had seen or know the meaning of what he said, and there was no answer. Again, as pointed out above, there came a voice—as at Jesus' baptism—identifying Jesus as the Son of God, and expressing approval of him. The glory disappeared, and the disciples, reassured, arose from their prostrate positions, to find Jesus alone with them.

However, the disciples discovered, as we often do, that after worship comes service. Worship cannot long stay sincere and genuine and helpful, if it is made an end in itself. Returning to the other disciples, who had remained at the foot of the mountain, the power of Jesus, so recently approved, had to be put to work. There they found an anxious father, with an epileptic son, whom the disciples had been unable to help.

After chiding his disciples for their lack of faith, Jesus asked that the boy be brought to him. With a word, the child was healed, to the amazement and wonder of the disciples. Today, we, from time to time, enjoy the "mountaintops" of spiritual enrichment. Have we learned, like Peter, that the way to heaven lies over the road, not of vision alone, but also of service, healing, prayer, compassion and suffering?

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EVENING DISPATCH

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THIEF ROBS STORE WHILE PROPRIETOR'S BACK TURNED

"Automatic candid camera snaps thief in action. Police have clues to identity."
"Small-time crook playing for peanuts," someone says, tossing aside the newspaper. But small-time crooks often become big-timers. And even "peanuts" are important.
Too many times somebody's back has been turned while this young fellow (and others like him) have been growing up. Too many times somebody has overlooked petty offenses, remarking, "Boys will be boys." Too many times these little misdemeanors have mushroomed into serious crimes.

A young person who learns through home and church "to love the Lord thy God . . . and thy neighbor . . ." will not even want to commit such deeds against his neighbors. If his mind and heart are filled with the goodness of God, he will want to show that goodness and kindness to others.

Don't turn your back on youngsters. But turn your feet and heart toward the Church, and take these young folk with you.



THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For the sake of his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday	Deuteronomy	6	1-7
Monday	Proverbs	1	1-10
Tuesday	Luke	8	16-21
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Thursday	I Corinthians	4	1-5
Friday	I Corinthians	13	4-13
Saturday	Ephesians	5	5-14

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Second Sunday
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.
Third Sunday
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.
Fourth Sunday
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.
Winfall Church, 7:00 P. M.
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