

# Sunday School Lesson

## LESSON IV. RECEIVING VISION FOR SERVICE

Golden Text: — This is my beloved Son; hear ye him. Mark 9:7. THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING Time—Autumn, A.D. 29. Place—Probably on Mount Hermon. The transfiguration of Christ is recorded also in Matt. 17: 1-13, and Luke 9: 28-36, both of which accounts should be read with the one in Mark to get as complete a conception as possible of this remarkable event. Peter has an additional account of this miracle in his Second Epistle (1: 16-18).

2. And after six days. That is, six days after the confession of Simon Peter regarding the Messiahship of Christ. Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John. These three, the flower and crown of the apostolic band, Peter, who loves him so much, and John, whom he loved so much, and James, who should first attest that death could as little as life separate from his love. (Acts 12: 2). These were the three who, alone, were with the Lord at the raising of the daughter of Jairus (Mark 5: 37), and who were the only ones allowed to go with him into the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of his "strayal" (Mark 14: 33, etc.). And bringing them up into a high mountain apart by themselves. "The place of the transfiguration is not definitely located in the Gospels. Earlier tradition almost unanimously fixed on Mount Tabor. Modern opinion almost as unanimously regards as most likely Mount Hermon."

The Transfiguration 3. And he was transfigured before them. And his garments became glistening. The word here translated "glistening" is applied to (1) the glitter of arms or of polished surfaces; (2) the flash of lightning; (3) the twinkling of stars, and is therefore peculiarly expressive. Exceeding white, so as no fuller on earth can whiten them. A fuller was one whose trade was to clean linen clothes.

We can never know fully exactly what this transfiguration was. In the circumstance that his glory was not one which was lent him, but his own, bursting forth as from an inner fountain of light, not merely gilding him from without, we have tokens of superiority, prerogatives of the Master above the servants. The veil of flesh which has concealed the glory of the Godhead, was, as it were, withdrawn, and the full blaze of ineffable light broke forth from within, while even his garments caught the wondrous rays, and shimmered with the dazzling brightness of sun-smitten snow.

4. And there appeared unto them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. May it not be that Moses and Elijah are present because of their peculiar and miraculous exit from the world? Moses, as we know, died in a special way by the hand of God. Elijah, as we know, did not suffer death, but was translated in a chariot of fire to heaven. Moses of course represented the law, while Elijah was representative of the prophetic order, and thus in Moses and Elijah and the Lord Jesus meeting together, we have the trinity of the law, the prophets, and the gospel.

5. And Peter answereth and saith to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. The tabernacles of which Peter spoke were little booths or huts made out of branches of trees or bushes, such as were constructed for the feast of tabernacles. Peter and his fellows were so taken with the sight of the felicity they saw that they desired to abide on the mount with Jesus and the saints.

A Mistake 6. For he knew not what to answer: for they became sore afraid. Had he said, Let us stay here and make three tabernacles, one for thee and one for me, and one for James and John, it would have had more of reason in it. Think of Moses sojourning in a tabernacle, or Elijah settling down to rest in a booth! The whole suggestion is grotesque. For him, as for all men in like circumstances, it were infinitely better to say nothing. He had lost the sense of the spiritual; and his mind, moving wholly within the realm of material things, imagined that the spirits of the just made perfect could find shelter in tabernacles constructed of boughs. The mistake is by no means an obsolete one. Men are still trying to make tabernacles, one for Christ, one for Confucius, one for Buddha.

7. And there came a cloud overshadowing them; and there came a voice out of the cloud, This is my beloved Son; hear ye him. This voice was heard in three critical hours in Jesus' history; at his baptism (1: 11), here, and when he was tempted to evade the cross, to leave his nation, and to go to the Gentiles (John 12: 23). The full text of the Father's witness (combining the three Gospel accounts) is—This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. Hear Ye Him

We are to hear Christ regarding our own sinfulness. We are to hear him as he unfolds the truth concerning God. We are to hear him as he speaks of life to come. We are to hear him as he speaks of himself, the only begotten Son of God. We are to hear him as we hear no one else in the world, dead or living.

8. And suddenly looking round about, they saw no one any more, save Jesus only with themselves. "Moses and Elijah had passed. The glory had

vanished. The heavenly voice was silent, and they saw Jesus only. He was the same Jesus that they had known. But they never could think of him again as they had thought of him before. For once they had been permitted to look at him changed, altered, transfigured.

9. And as they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, save when the Son of man should have risen again from the dead. 10. And they kept the saying, questioning among themselves what the rising again from the dead should mean. What the rising from the dead refers, not to the resurrection in general, but to the rising Jesus predicated to himself. On the fact of the final resurrection of the dead the disciples did not dispute, for they believed this. Jesus, however, had spoken of himself rising from the dead three days after his being killed. This was a different matter. If Jesus wanted to rise again, why should he permit himself to be killed? How could the Son of God be killed, and, if he could not be killed, how could he then rise from the dead?

Meaning of the Transfiguration The life of Jesus was bound to reach this point of transfiguration. It could do no other. In Jesus of Nazareth there was the perfect unfolding before heaven and before men, of the divine nature as to the process of human life. Beginning in weakness and limitation, passing through difficulties and temptation, gaining perpetual victory over temptation by abiding only, at all times, and under all circumstances, in the will of God, at last, all the testing being ended, the life passed into the presence of God himself, and into the light of heaven, not through the gate of death, but through the painless and glorious process of transfiguration, and as he was transfigured, he was filled with the answer of God to the perfection of his life.

## May Send Rocket 100 Miles Above Earth's Surface

Frank J. Malina and three young aeronautical student-scientists are completing equipment at Pasadena, California, to test stratosphere rocket motors.

"Data from these tests, together with that obtained in experiments by Dr. H. H. Goddard, E. Sanger and the American Rocket Society, will be used as the basis for developing a motor which it is hoped will take a sounding rocket nearly 100 miles above the surface of the earth," Malina said this week.

New Scientific Instrument He sees the rocket as a possible new scientific instrument for the weather forecaster, and for obtaining radiation records and information for astronomers. The greatest height to which scientific instruments have yet been carried by sounding balloons is around 110,000 feet, less than 29 miles.

The motor in the test setup, at the Guggenheim School of Aeronautics, California Institute of Technology, is a combustion chamber in which a mixture of gaseous oxygen and ethylene burns at 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit, a temperature about half that of the sun.

11,000 Miles An Hour The flaming gas comes out of the exhaust nozzle at terrific velocities, Malina said, a speed of 11,000 feet a second have been reported by one of Europe's experimenters. A "step rocket," one with three motors and propellant units, two of which would be released in flight, would reach a possible velocity of 11,000 miles an hour.

"Although tests are now being carried out with gases," said Malina, "the sounding rocket will have to use liquids. If the rocket is to travel high, at least seven-tenths of its total weight must be of propellants to high density.

"One rather difficult problem requiring study is that of keeping the rocket in vertical flight."

## Churchill in Paris



Mysterious visit to Paris by Winston Churchill (above), British statesman, aroused much speculation in England. He's seen on arrival in Paris.

## Ex-Premier's Son Becomes King's Bench Judge



Hon. Cyril Asquith, son of the late Earl of Oxford and Asquith, war-time British Premier, shown in ceremonial robes and wig, with his wife, and their daughter, Jane (background), as he left their Paddington home to be sworn in as a King's Bench Judge. 48 years old, Mr. Asquith is the second youngest of English judges.

## Baltic - Black Sea Canal Will Fulfil Ancient Hope

1,000-Year-Old Dream Will Open Up Treasure House For Germany Throughout Balkans And Near East; Work to Be Rushed.

When history finally appraises Adolf Hitler's regime it may easily record that he could have done few things contributing more to the might of Germany than bring to fruition the 1,000-year-old German dream of a navigable waterway through the heart of Europe.

Hitler's dictatorship has provided such a rapid succession of epochal events that it is hard for the outside world to recognize another milestone in anything so prosaic as a waterway. Still, there is vast importance in the announcement that work is to be rushed on the canal which will connect the Rhine and Danube rivers, thus providing a passage for ships a distance of some 2,500 miles, from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

Significant Project This will mark a seven league stride in der Fuehrer's program for the creation of a great Germanic confederation. The significance of the river project is this:

It will open up an Arabian Nights treasure house of commerce for Germany throughout the Balkans and Near East.

It will enable her to undersell competing countries because of cheap transportation and easy access to markets.

It will give her the materials she needs to make her independent of other powers.

It will be of invaluable assistance to her in extending her economic and political dominance in the Balkans.

Take one item alone — though a most important one — that of the wheat for lack of which Germany went hungry during the Great War. The Danubian states grow more of this grain than any of the United States countries, barring the so-called big wheat countries, having the United States. The mighty Danube will open up a lot of territory for Germany. It flows from Germany across Austria, along part of the Czechoslovak border, through Hungary, across a corner of Yugoslavia, along the Rumanian-Bulgarian border, and through Rumania to the Black Sea. Sixty navigable streams join it from the North and South.

Control of this waterway and of the Balkans would make Germany virtually invulnerable in war, so far as supplies are concerned.

## Plans Avoiding Ancient Curse

British Baronet Perpetrates 800-Year-Old Ceremony of Distributing Flour

An 800-year-old curse lay behind a ceremony held at Tichborne, England, in which flour was distributed to 800 villagers of Tichborne, Cheriton and Lane End, in Hampshire.

Sir Anthony Tichborne, 22-year-old holder of an ancient baronetcy, helped to distribute the historic "dole" instituted in the 12th century. Each adult received a gallon of flour; every child half a gallon.

In the 12th century the aged and ailing Lady Mabella Tichborne crawled around part of the estate while a torch burned. Her husband, Sir Roger de Tichborne, had offered to give to the poor a portion of the produce of the land enclosed by his wife's crawling journey. Lady Mabella vowed if the gift from the estate were discontinued the Tichborne family would lack male heirs.

"I shall continue the ancient custom," said Sir Anthony at this year's ceremony. "If I fail, legend says all sorts of dreadful things will happen to the family."

## Their Food Prices Highest In Years

Britain Sees Big Decline in Bacon Produced From Home Pigs

LONDON, Eng. — Food prices in Great Britain in 1937 were the highest since 1930 and were 46 per cent above the index figure for July, 1914, according to the annual report of the food council.

The council criticizes the government's bacon production policy and it says bacon output from home-produced pigs declined by 16 1/3 per cent in 1937. A greater proportion of pigs was sold for pork apparently due to the breakdown in the contract system.

Last December's census showed a reduction during the year of 3 1/2 per cent in the pig population of England and Wales. The council suggests it might have been wiser to leave curers in restricted competition with one another rather than regulate their sales by quota. It urges supervision of the industry by an independent body such as the bacon development board.

The highest average percentage increases over the 1930 average were in flour, bread, cheese, sugar and margarine. Butter and meat prices showed substantial increases.

## May Soon Make Corn-Fed Cars

"Agrol," New Fuel Developed From Farm Products, To Be Manufactured in Plant At Sioux City, Iowa.

Corn will soon be fed to automobiles as well as hogs in the region around Sioux City, Ia.

With other small grains and sorghum, this farm staple is to be made into agrol, a power alcohol, which blended with gasoline makes an efficient motor fuel. With construction there this spring of a \$500,000 plant for its manufacture there will be launched an extensive test of both manufacturing and marketing possibilities of the new fuel. It has been made before in commercial quantities but not on such a large scale and such a widely organized basis as is now planned.

"Anti-Knock" Qualities The plant is to be built by the American Chemical Foundation, an affiliate of the National Farm Chemurgy Conference. The venture has the backing of various local interests.

While it is claimed that mixing agrol with "regular" gas will give it anti-knock qualities, and at the same price, the primary purpose of the enterprise is to furnish a new market for agricultural products.

The Foundation has for some time been producing agrol at a plant in Atchison, Kan. More than 100 gasoline stations in the area are now selling agrol, blended with various kinds of "straight" gasoline. In Nebraska and Kansas there already are more than 1,800 service stations selling the product, according to Leon E. Champer, Sales Manager of the Atchison agrol plant.

## China's New Deal 2,600 Years Ago

Chicago Scientist Says Reform Came Before Its Time

China had a "new deal" 2,600 years ago, but the experiment failed for lack of technical knowledge, C. Martin Wilbur, of the Field Museum of Natural History, told the Mid-West branch of the American Oriental Society, at Chicago, last week.

The enterprise was engineered, Mr. Wilbur said, by a Prime Minister who was named Wang Mang, who became Emperor in 9 A. D.

Advanced Socialization "Wang Mang's social experiments," the scientist related, "included nationalization and equal distribution of land, government monopolies and the manufacture of salt, wine and iron, control of mines and other natural resources, aid to farmers by agricultural price control through government buying of excess crops in good years and through storage in government granaries for sale in bad years, and government loans to business for productive enterprises at moderate rates of interest.

"All these experiments were far ahead of their time and doomed to failure because of the administration of such vast enterprises was beyond the technical ability of the bureaucracy."

## Saturn's Lost Moon

The existence of a geometrical law concerning the distances separating not only the planets in the solar system but also the moons of Saturn is offered in support of the discovery of the tenth moon of Saturn which was reported by the American astronomer, Dr. W. H. Pickering. This tenth moon, reported in 1905, has since been lost and astronomers have been unable to rediscover it.

That it should exist is claimed by Dr. J. Miller, the English astronomer, who offers the geometrical law in support. He shows in a communication in "Nature" that the distance between the moons, starting from the first moon, and not the planet, are in close approximation to the geometrical series, 3, 6, 12, 24, and so on.

If this is applied to the Saturnian moons there is a place for one between Iapetus and Phoebe, which are respectively 3,094,700 and 7,918,700 miles from the planet.

## Can A Handwriting Analysis Help You?

By LAWRENCE HIBBERT (Well-known Psychologist and Handwriting Analyst)

Every reader of these articles will, I suppose, at some time, say: "Can a character-analysis help me?" and "Exactly how can it help?"

There are so many ways in which a character-reading can be helpful. In the first place it is beneficial in your contacts with others.

In domestic circles it can promote mutual understanding, and will in many cases help to eliminate the discussion that shatters the peace of so many homes.

In business and financial matters it can steer you past the traps set by the unscrupulous or over-optimistic.

And in love affairs it can be a guiding star that leads you to happiness.

Any thing that facilitates your judgment of others must be a boon, for there is probably not one of us but has lost money, happiness, comfort or security through misjudging the character of someone with whom we have been in some way concerned.

And above all, character-analysis gives you a clear-cut picture of your own character and potentialities. It reveals unerringly what you are and what you might become. There is no false modesty about a handwriting analysis. It shows with crystal clear-

## How Photography Was Originated

Early Experiments In Seventeenth Century—Daguerre, French Artist Is Important

The very fine paper by Mrs. C. S. Butler on "Photography," presented before the Women's Art Association, says the St. Thomas Times-Journal, traced in clear and concise manner the development of this art from the early experiments in the seventeenth century to the finished product of the present time. Leonardo da Vinci, that amazing Florentine artist and scientist of the 15th century, clearly describes the dark room or "camera obscura." Wood engravings, lithography, and silhouettes were employed in the eighteenth century to answer the demands for cheaper portraits.

The first photographs made by a camera, said the speaker, must be credited to Joseph Niepce of Chalons-sur-Saone, who early in the nineteenth century succeeded in fixing the camera's image with comparative permanency. The experiments of his son Isidore, and Louis Daguerre, a French artist, resulted in the Daguerrotype, and all the world rushed to be photographed by this new process. A rival process was the Talbotype invented by an Englishman named Talbot. The dawn of the twentieth century found a photographic Renaissance, said the speaker, and the value of this medium as a form of art has been recognized. Its results being measured by the ability and inspiration of the artist photographer.

Amazing Growth as Hobby Mrs. Butler described with much interesting detail the various specialized uses of this art—press photography, the almost incredible achievements of scientific photography, including the use of infra-red rays, and the X-ray; the moving picture and the introduction of color; and television, which is an every-day reality in Greater London. The miniature camera is probably responsible for the amazing growth of photography as a hobby, and many persons of note are its devotees.

## You Can Never See Pure Black

Pure black is practically an impossibility and all the blacks most of us have ever seen are mixtures with some visible color. It is impossible to see black, this is because pure black absorbs absolutely all the light rays that fall upon it, and reflects none to the eye. Since vision depends upon reflected rays of light, there would be none in the case of pure black. If an object were pure black, we would see the outline of it because of the lighter shades around it, but the black itself would not be visible.

## Windsor Helps Man Who Menaced Him

George McMahon Wrote to Duke After Release From Prison and Is Now Established In Advertising Business.

The Duke of Windsor has given a considerable sum of money to the man who served 13 months in prison for attempting what was believed to have been an attack upon his life when he was king in July, 1935, it was learned. He has further helped to establish the man, George Andrew McMahon, in business, and constantly is using his influence to help him along.

The Duke of Windsor also had expressed the desire to meet him one day and the Duchess of Windsor has likewise expressed the desire to meet his wife.

Sympathy Aroused The duke's sympathy for McMahon was aroused by a touching letter which the latter sent him after he had been released from prison in August of last year. McMahon was arrested on July 16, 1935, for producing a pistol and throwing it toward the then King Edward VIII while the latter was riding his charger down Constitution Hill at the head of a state procession.

Edward witnessed the commotion at the time, but merely turned his head and glanced at the man, then controlling his startled horse, he continued on.

McMahon was rushed through a hostile crowd to Bow St. police station. He was sent to trial at the Old Bailey and sentenced to 12 months' hard labor for "unlawfully producing near the king a pistol with intent to alarm His Majesty."

## Spurred By Spinach

We are told from childhood that spinach is good for us, but few people know why. At Carlbad and other famous watering-places, spinach became an important place in the dietary because it reduces flatulence and has a strong action on the bowels. It is rich also in materials for replenishing the blood stream, and during the 1914-18 war spinach juice was mixed with wine in the proportion of 1 to 50 and given to the French soldiers who had lost blood.

It contains saponin, which promotes digestion, has more mineral matter than any other green vegetable, and because of its high iron content is prescribed in cases of anemia. Spinach has more vitamin A than any common vegetable, is as rich in vitamin B as butter, and contains anti-scorbutic vitamins, too.

It is impertinent to disbelieve in the existence of angels and demons, declares the Bishop of Ely.

## Will Have To Give Up Her Pets Or Her Home



Helen Felton, one of the residents of an apartment built in New York under a FHA loan, is one of the tenants whose lease will not be renewed unless she gives up her pets.