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**IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

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**Lesson for March 29**

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**THE TRANSFIGURED CHRIST MEETS HUMAN NEED**

**LESSON TEXT**—Luk. 9:28-36.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God.—Luk. 9:43.

Glory and grace go together. Spirituality finds meaning in service. Holiness is faith in action. Every fine emotion should be translated into conduct.

This is the message of our lesson as it presents the transfigured Christ and the disciples, moved beyond intelligent words by His transcendent glory, going forth into the valley to meet the need of demon-tormented humanity.

**I. Amazing Glory (vv. 28-36).**

To three of the disciples came the privilege of seeing in the mount the outshining of the deity of Christ through the humanity of His flesh in such amazing glory that Peter could think of nothing more wonderful than to prolong the experience by tarrying in the mount.

One could wish that it were possible in presenting this lesson to get over into the thinking of those who read or hear, a proper conception of the glory of our Christ, but words seem to be such weak and insufficient instruments. One would cry out—"Look at Him—the Son of God with the transfigured face—and the light of heavenly glory shining forth in a dazzling whiteness" (literally, like lightning).

If men would only look upon Him, they would see how untrue are those who take from Him His deity, who speak of Him as only a good man or a great teacher. He, our Saviour, who took upon Himself the limitation of our flesh, was and is eternally God.

Significant it is to note that with Him on the mount were Moses and Elijah. The former had died (Deut. 34:5, 6) and the latter had been translated without death (II Kings 2:11), but both were alive, recognizable, intelligent, interested in the redemptive work which Christ was to work out on the cross (v. 31). This definitely denies such false theories as soul-sleep or annihilation at death.

But the vision of glory becomes a means of blessing as we see

**II. Amazing Grace (vv. 37-43a).**

Like Peter, there are many folk who think that the thing to do is to remain on the mountaintop, just enjoying the vision of glory and the delightful fellowship of Christ and the redeemed. They do not learn such things from Christ or from the Word of God. The next day (v. 37) He and the disciples met the cry of an anguished father whose boy was possessed of a demon and who had found no help (v. 40). Look then upon the one whose unspeakable glory has just been revealed in the mount, who has just had the approval of God the Father (v. 35), who now in amazing grace meets the need of this humble child! There is the grace of God, manifest in the One whom we as Christians profess to follow. Let us like Him bring the glory of God and (in His name) the power of God to bear upon the need of men.

It seems to the writer of these notes that God is waiting to do a new thing in the midst of human suffering and sorrow — working through His disciples. We need first of all to know Him ourselves, as our own Saviour and Lord. Then we need a vision of His glory, flooding our souls and transforming our lives (Rom. 12:1, 2). Then, we must put that glory and that power to work through our lives. The one who follows Christ cannot be satisfied to rejoice in his own salvation and not reach out to win others. He cannot rest in the peace of soul which Christ gives and not put forth his hand to those who struggle in "life's wild restless sea." He must (as Matt. 5:16 puts it) let his light so shine in the darkness that men may find their way to the Father's house and thus glorify the name of God.

God does His work in the world through redeemed men and women. He is always seeking those who, having seen the glory of Christ and with His grace upon them, are ready to be used of the Holy Spirit for His glory. "What the church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men" (E. M. Bounds).

**Need Compassion**

I do not know how any Christian service is to be fruitful if the servant is not primarily baptized in the spirit of a suffering compassion. We can never heal the needs we do not feel. Tearless hearts can never be the heralds of the Passion. We must pity if we would reason. We must bleed if we would be the ministers of the saving blood.—J. E. Jowett.

**TIMELY TOPICS FOR WOMEN . . . By Barbara Baines**

**FOR BEAUTY'S SAKE**

If you are past 25, never apply rouge on your cheeks below a line drawn from the tip of your nose to the tip of your ear. Rouge placed low on your cheeks seems to add years to your age, while rouge placed high gives you a more youthful appearance.

Here is a Frenchwoman's tip on the use of perfume. She saturates a bit of cotton with her favorite scent, and drops it into the bosom of her dress, against her body. This seems to keep her in a constantly perfumed state, and it will do the same for you.

I'd like to pass along a suggestion on choosing becoming colours. If you would take your mirror from your purse and hold a small sample of the material across the bottom of it when you look at yourself, you appear to be wearing a dress like the sample, and can judge its becomingness.

Pin the corners of your fingernails with a bit of support, and make them liable to break. You also run the risk of hangnails and unsightly bumps at the sides of your nails as a result of filed corners. And have you ever thought of using an orange stick, dipped in perfume, under the tips to give a lingering fragrance.

To keep your teeth bright use a good bleach, such as salt or soda, or lemon juice, several times a week. If your hair becomes dull and drab before you are ready to shampoo, here is a quick treatment. Wrap your hairbrush in a piece of gauze or silk and brush your hair with it thoroughly. It polishes the hair and removes any excess of oil.

If your face is too short or wide, you can lengthen it by wearing your hair flat on the sides, high in the front and low in the back.

Preventing "dish-pan" hands when your hands are in water a lot is a problem. Try keeping a bottle of hand lotion in the kitchen, another in the bathroom and another in your dressing table and apply as soon as you are finished washing up while the pores are still open. Once a week put in a nourishing night cream and leave on until morning (better wear a pair of cotton gloves for protection).

Joan Crawford keeps her house like a scented bower by sprinkling a few drops of perfume on lighted lamp bulbs. The heat brings out the essence.

**FOR OUR SCRAP BOOK**

The world cannot be wholly wrong. While any poet writes his song — Or any artist paints his dream; — While writers tell us tales that seem To lighten us to live our best, And leave to kindly Fate the rest.

**ANY SPARE FATHERS AROUND?**

Every boy needs a dad — a dad to teach him how to build a bird-house, to show him how to cast a fly for trout, to help him with his homework or mend his broken bicycle, to chastise him when he stays out too late at night or is saucy to his mother, and to stand behind him when he gets into a jam.

Yes, every lad needs a dad. But I wonder how many boys there are in every community who are "dadless," at least for the duration of the war.

I know a "dadless" boy. His name is Ronnie. He delivers our daily paper. We are great friends. He is about twelve years old now, a sturdy youngster, though rather short for his age. He has a mop of unruly blonde hair, that usually is in need of a cut, but the thing you would notice about him first, are his keen blue eyes, that seem to miss nothing.

Maybe you would call him a tough guy, for he always has a good comeback in an argument. But he is not so tough. In fact he is often a pretty lovely little fellow. He misses his dad who has been with the R. C. A. F. in England for more than a year now. They were great pals. He has often told me about the good times they used to have together in their basement workshop where they made all sorts of things. . . . for his father was a carpenter.

He has told me, too how they used to fish through the ice in winter, and how they used to wait for the 1st of May to go for speckled trout. And about the garden they planted and tended together, and how last year it wasn't so good. He had to look after it alone because his mother is not very strong and the other children too young to really help much.

And I'll bet there are other things too that Ronnie misses now that his father isn't around anymore. Things he wouldn't tell me, or . . . about . . . reading the funnies together on Sunday morning, a . . . of roughhouse play once in a while, someone to take him to the hockey game . . . and most of all someone to chuck him under the chin, and help him dry his tears the day he cut his knee so badly, and that time his puppy died. Mothers are fine. A fellow just couldn't do without his mother. But there are times it is pretty hard for a lad to get along without a father too.

Maybe some of you fathers, with sons of your own, will adopt one of these "dadless" boys for the duration, and try to do for him some of the things his gallant dad would have done had he been here.

**THE BOOK OF THE WEEK**

**DRAGON SEED** BY PEARL S. BUCK

For a number of years, Pearl Buck has been interpreting the Chinese people to the English-speaking world through her novels, and has been an important factor in winning our sympathy for them.

Her last book, "Dragon Seed," tells of the coming of the Japanese and the fall of Nanking. Ling Tzu is a poor Chinese farmer who with his wife, and his sons and daughters and their families, lives near the city. First there is a rumour and later bombing, then comes the Japanese army and an unbelievable spectacle of pillage, lust and tragedy.

When the Chinese army retreated to the west, many young men and young women go with it, among them Ling's sons, who join guerrilla bands in the hills and are determined to resist the invader whatever the cost. But Ling Tzu loves his soil, and he is old, and he and his old wife stay behind.

One of the most important characters in the story is Ling's merchant cousin, who, unable to bear more, becomes a puppet of the enemy, yet tries to protect his friends and relatives by failing to report all he learns from his spies.

A poignant scene is enacted when the peasants first gather around a radio that has been smuggled in and learn that other countries are involved too in the war, and they have gained strong friends across the seas.

**IT IS MAPLE SYRUP TIME**

The March sun is shining, the sap is running, the syrup is boiling, it is maple sugar time. This year our output of maple syrup and maple sugar should be increased if at all possible. First because nothing is more appreciated in a box from home by our troops overseas, and secondly because it is a splendid substitute for sugar, now that our ration has been cut down. Be sure you have a generous supply on hand this year to serve with hot tea biscuits and buns, or as a sauce for pudding and ice cream, or best of all with pancakes and potato cakes and buckwheat cakes. Here is a recipe for Buckwheat Cakes I am sure you will like.

2 cups scalded milk  
 1-3 cup fine bread crumbs  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 1/2 yeast cake dissolved in 1/2 cup lukewarm water

1 1/2 cups buckwheat flour  
 1 tablespoon molasses  
 1/2 teaspoon soda dissolved in 1/2 cup lukewarm water  
 Maple syrup

Pour milk over crumbs and soak 30 minutes. Add salt, dissolved yeast cake and buckwheat, to make a batter thin enough to pour. Let rise over night. In the morning stir well, add molasses, soda, and water. Heat heavy iron griddle or frying pan. Grease sparingly (or rub over with a wet turnip). Drop a mixture from tip of spoon on griddle. Cook on one side. When puffed full of bubbles, and cooked on edges, turn and cook on the other side. Serve at once with butter and Maple Syrup.

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