



# Sunday School Lesson

LESSON IV.  
RECEIVING VISION FOR SERVICE  
Mark 9: 2-10

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 betrayal (Mark 14: 33, etc.). And bringeth 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 radiating from without, but having tokens of superiority, prerogatives of the Master above the servants. The veil of flesh which has concealed the glory of the Redeemer, was, as it were, withdrawn, and the full blaze of ineffable light broke forth from within, while even his garments caught the wondrous rays, and shimmered with the dazzling brightness of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 "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: 28). The full text of the Father's witness (combining the three Gospel ac-

counts) 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 is 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 intention 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 light of heaven, not through a 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 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 af-

## Albania Awakening From Grip of Tribal and Religious Customs



Interest in Albania, focused by the recent visit of the sisters of the King, reveals that the tiny Balkan state is finally emerging from centuries-old domination of religious and tribal customs to follow western civilization. The change is gradual, and women still gather at this water fountain in Tirana to exchange gossip and draw the day's water supply.

filiate of the National Farm Chemurgic 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.

## Heart Of Atlantic Is Saragossa Sea

It Has Rhythm—Centre of The Ocean Is a Mile Deep

In an office just behind the Eiffel Tower is the Scientific Office of Fisheries of France. There sits M. Le Danois, the director, an internationally known oceanographer, 58½ years of age. It is his task to tell French fishermen where particular species of fish are running in shoals.

To aid him Le Danois has drawn elaborate charts which indicate regions of equal temperature.

Studies Thermal Conditions  
For more than a generation Le Danois has been studying thermal conditions in the Atlantic. To him the Gulf Stream is not a current but a mass of water that expands and contracts in cycles of one, four-and-a-half, nine, eleven and eighteen years. A huge bowl is the Atlantic, he holds. Its bottom and sides are colder than the centre and not so salty. And the centre? That is the Saragossa Sea, a mile deep and 800 miles in diameter.

"Immense masses of water of different densities and temperatures do not mix readily," explains Le Danois "Hence, this Saragossa Sea, this heart of the Atlantic, which rests on the colder water below, beats more or less rhythmically."

Lean and Fat  
What makes the "heart" beat? The moon, Jupiter, and the sun. A big pulsation occurs every eighteen years. Smaller pulsations occur in eleven, nine, four-and-a-half years and one year.

These "transgressional movements" as Le Danois regards them, account for the seven lean and seven fat

years of the Bible, good and bad crops, rains in Africa, the water level in Victoria Nyanza, famines in India, the number of icebergs, the catch of fur-bearing animals in the Hudson Bay district.

Life in the Atlantic depends on the beating of the great heart in the Saragossa Sea.

## Esophagus Performs Astonishing Feats

We Hear of a Man who Has Successfully Eaten Razor Blades; Another Consumed Glass and Nails.

A performer advertised as a "Wonder Boy" because of his ability to eat anything, including razor blades, has been taken ill at Halifax, Nova Scotia. He chewed and swallowed a razor blade and an electric-light bulb, and was found lying on the pavement half an hour later. His condition, however, is not in the least serious.

Extraordinary as it may seem, there are many who claim to eat meals that would kill the average person almost at once. A prisoner in a Glasgow jail swallowed a ring, for which he was incarcerated, then ate a spring, a lens and pieces of metal. Finally he tried eating the bolts and bars of his cell but gave this up.

An Irishman named Drummond, who talked with yogis at Darjeeling, swallowed 150 four-inch nails, 700 gramophone needles, and razor blades—and lived. But the most astonishing feat in this line of business is that of a German nobleman who consumed 150 nails, 102 brass pins, 150 pieces of jagged glass, 7 horseshoe nails, 6 coins, 3 bride buckles, a large lump of lead and 20 other articles, with no ill-effect.

And some people have died through swallowing an orange pip!

## Sentenced To Hike

Somewhere in the United States trudged a 33-year-old New Yorker, sentenced to a 1,200-mile hike for smashing his children's toys and calling his wife rude names. At 200-mile intervals he must write a postcard to the judge just to say he is keeping moving till he has put 1,200 miles between himself and his wife.

## 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 colour. 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.

## Steps To Protect Quebec Pea Soup

Trouble Is the Pea Moth That Threatens Crop In Some Districts

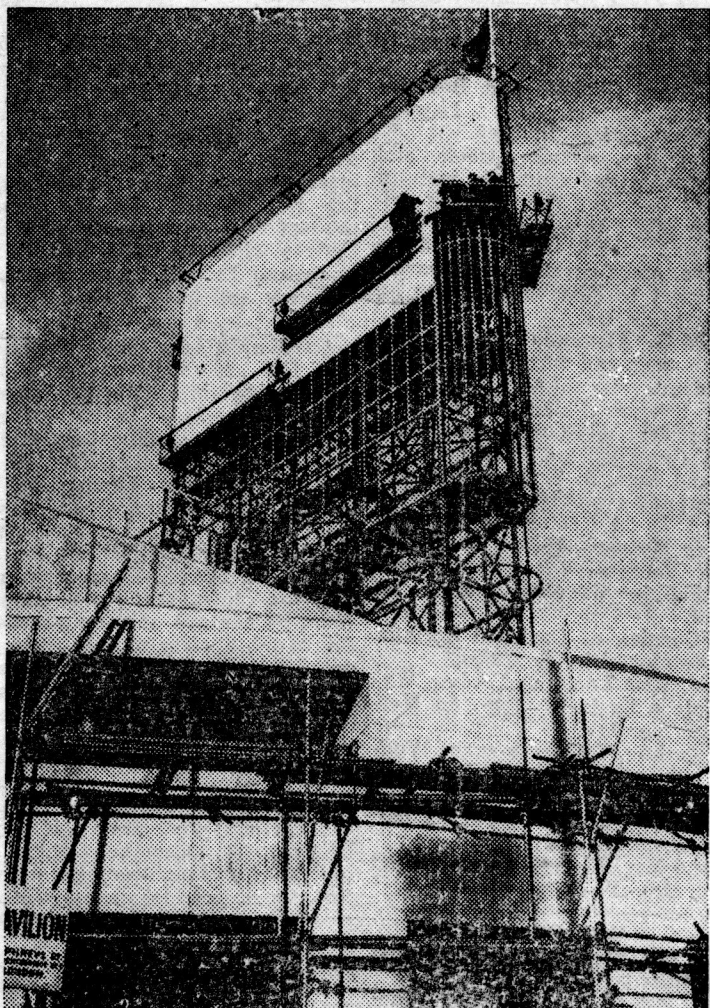
Quebec's pea soup—it's "soupe aux pois" on the menu—must be protected, so Agriculture Minister Bona Dussault has gone to bat to rid the province of the pea moth.

The tourist's trip to Quebec isn't complete without a bowl of pea soup, and each year the pea crop has become more important. Lately, though, the pea moth has been causing damage in the principal growing districts, with the result that Mr. Dussault has issued an edict against the insect.

Take Precautions  
"Whereas," says the minister's ruling, "the insect called the pea moth (laspeyresia nigricana stph) causes serious damage throughout the county of Bonaventure and threatens to invade the county of Gaspé-South, where the cultivation of green peas has attained a considerable importance, it is expedient to take the necessary measures to arrest the progress of this insect before it becomes epidemic."

Pea growers now must burn all traces of the current year's crop before September 1 and notify the Agriculture Minister if they find trace of the pea moth. They must not take into the counties of Gaspé-North and Gaspé-South peas or any part of a pea plant or any receptacle used in handling peas.

## Canada's Streamlined Tower



Men at work on the streamlined tower of the Canadian pavilion for the Empire Exhibition at Bellahouston Park, Glasgow.

## Movie Star Dust Radio

By VIRGINIA DALE

Sylvia Sidney has just finished a picture called "You and Me," with George Raft, for Paramount, but she's not much interested in it—that is, not so much as she is in several other things.

The house she has just bought in New Jersey, near Flemington, for instance. It's very old, and she is having the usual trouble with remodeling, which never goes fast enough. But she's also having adventures with it.

For instance, some 12 coats of paint had been put on the dining room, during all the years—and when they were removed beautiful old pine paneling was discovered beneath.

Furthermore, the land is good farming land, one hundred and sixteen acres of it; grows good crops of wheat and oats and alfalfa.

Irene Dunne has formally adopted the little four-year-old girl who has been living with her for the last year;



Irene Dunne

she took the child from the New York Foundling hospital, not from the Cradle, in Chicago, which is the fashionable place to get babies.

Jean Arthur is coming back to the screen, after a year's absence due to Foundling hospital. She has been vacationing in Yosemite, but will go to work soon in the screen version of "You Can't Take It With You," the delightful play which has been having such a long run on the New York stage.

Remember the fuss when John Charles Thomas refused to broadcast if he couldn't finish with "Goodnight, Mother?" Well, that same kind of trouble bobbed up on the Fibber McGee and Molly program, and the rules of the broadcast company were broken.

Fibber was ending with "Good Night Molly," and was told he couldn't do it any more. But—"Molly" is the name of a character in the show, explained the sponsors, so it might logically be long there. In real life, "Molly" is the wife of Jim Jordan, the man who plays "Fibber McGee," and is just recovering from a long illness.

When the Radio City Music hall in New York holds a picture for a second week you may be pretty certain that the picture's a success, and one that you'll want to see. "Jezebel" made the grade recently.

Dolores Del Rio returned home with glowing tales of her vacation trip to Morocco, and a lot of souvenirs—perfume, jewelry, necklaces. Leaving Africa, she flew across Spain, and on to Paris, where she saw a lot of old friends and acquired a lot of new clothes. Dolores reported thankfully that she did not bring back any souvenirs of the civil war in Spain, nor of the threatening international situation in Europe, generally.

ODDS AND ENDS ..... Cary Grant had a novel present the other day—a bottle of old-fashioned cough medicine, which he sadly needed, from Katherine Hepburn ..... Bette Davis entertained Mrs. Roosevelt at Clara Bow's "It" cafe ..... The blondes led in the 1937 popularity poll conducted by the Motion Picture Herald, a trade paper for exhibitors ..... Rosalind Russell gets Joan Crawford's role in "The Shop Worn Angel" because Joan did not like it ..... George Brent has now bought a home near Kay Francis' ..... Spencer Tracy's popularity rating is now on a par with Clark Gable's and Robert Taylor's ..... And Tracy, Taylor, Wallace Beery and possibly Franchot Tone will work together in "Northwest Passage" ..... Allen Jenkins and his wife picked Mexico City for their vacation ..... "Scaramouche" will be screened again .....

## Can A Handwriting Analysis Help You?

By LAWRENCE HIBBERT

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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 dissension 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 miscalculating 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-

ness exactly what you are like.

One of my recent correspondents, a girl of 20 years, told me that she is in love with a married man. In sending me some of her friend's handwriting she was obviously hoping that I would confirm her friendship.

Now I have no intention of discussing the ethical angle of this case. In any event, it is unnecessary, for this man's writing showed too clearly what an unsuitable friend he is for this girl. If she refuses to sever the acquaintance she will pile up a lot of unhappiness for herself.

I mention this case to show that a handwriting analysis plays no favorites. It only tells the truth.

Can you doubt that it will help you, too?

Whatever your problem may be, this well-known psychologist and handwriting analyst can help you. You can write to him fully and frankly, for all letters are confidential. Send specimens of the writings you wish analysed, and enclose 10c for each specimen (coin or postal note preferred). Enclose with stamped addressed envelope, to: Lawrence Hibbert, Room 421, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto, Ont.