

behind me, Satan. You are speaking only as a man, and show no understanding of the ways and thoughts of God."

Seeing the people still following, Jesus now called them to Him, and began to teach them and the disciples, what it meant to truly follow Him. "Whosoever," said Jesus, "will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." Jesus said also that a man's soul-life was so precious, that it was worth more to him than anything in the world, and if once lost, there was nothing with which he could buy it back again.

To show that there was no place for cowards among His followers, Jesus now spoke these solemn words, "Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What question did Jesus ask His disciples as they walked toward Caesarea Philippi? 2. Who did people say that Jesus was? 3. What was Jesus' next question? 4. Who answered it? 5. What did Peter say? (Golden Text.) 6. What did Jesus tell the disciples about Himself? 7. How did Peter interrupt Him? 8. How did Jesus rebuke Peter? 9. Whom did He now call to Him? 10. What did Jesus say His followers must be willing to do? 11. What is the most precious thing in the world? 12. What did Jesus say of those who are ashamed of Him?

Lesson Story

One Saturday, a business man said to his clerks, "I will need you all to-morrow, to help in unloading a vessel which has just come in." "Sir," said one of the clerks, "I cannot work to-morrow." "Well," said his employer, "if you cannot do as I wish, we can separate: You are dismissed."

For three days the young man walked the streets of the city, looking for work. One day a bank president asked his old employer to name a suitable person for cashier in a

new bank about to be started, and he named this young man.

"But I thought you discharged him?" asked the president in surprise. "I did," was the answer, "because he would not work on Sunday. The young man who will lose his position rather than do what he thinks wrong, is the man whom you can trust with your money."

Lesson Hymn

Who is He in yonder stall,
At whose feet the shepherds fall?

'Tis the Lord: O wondrous story!

'Tis the Lord, the King of glory!

Amen.

—Hymn 538, Book of Praise

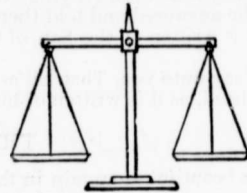
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—83. Which is the Sixth Commandment? The Sixth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill." 84. What did Jesus say about the Sixth Commandment? Jesus said this Commandment is broken by all angry passions.

SHORTER CATECHISM—17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind? A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Balances like these are used for weighing gold. How carefully this precious metal is



weighed! Great care is taken not to lose a single grain. Now Jesus tells us that our souls are worth more than all the gold in the world.

I Have Learned Today
TO CONFESS JESUS AS LORD