

# LESSON III.—April 17th, 1898.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION. Matt. 17 : 1-9.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father." John 1 : 14.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: Jesus, our Loving Lord.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: Jesus, our Glorified Lord.

### IV. REVIEW.

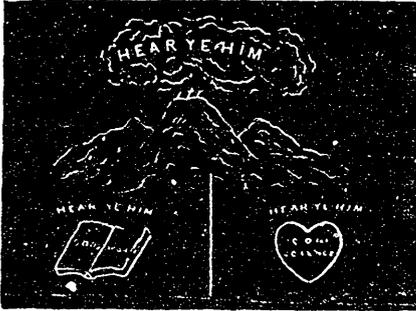
1. How many persons were with Jesus when He foretold His sufferings?

2. Name them.

3. Where was Jesus to suffer? How?

4. Why was Jesus to suffer? (See Golden Text.)

V. INTERVENING EVENTS, AND SYNOPSIS OF LESSON: Six days after our Lord's prophecy



regarding His death and resurrection, Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John, up to the mountain top. It was probably upon Mount Hermon that the transfiguration took place. These same three disciples had been with Jesus in the home of Jairus, the scene of His greatest power, and were afterward with Him in the Garden, at the scene of His greatest sorrow, and were also now chosen to be with Him here, the scene of His greatest glory.

There, before them, He was transfigured, and the disciples saw talking with Him, Moses, representing the Law, and Elias, representing the Prophets. So enraptured were they, that Peter, with his usual impulsiveness, suggested to the Lord that they should remain upon the mountain top. While Peter was yet speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and they

heard the voice of God saying, "This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him." The disciples were fearful, but Jesus touched them, and told them not to be afraid, and when they had lifted up their heads, they saw no man, save Jesus only. As they came down from the mountain to meet the other disciples who were waiting below, Jesus commanded them that they should tell no man of the things they had seen until after the resurrection.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON.

1. Recall the story of Paul, emphasizing the thought that Jesus was the Lord of his life. How do we know that Jesus was the Lord of Paul's life? Because he obeyed Him.

2. Recall the story of Daniel or Pierre. How do we know that Jesus was the Lord of Daniel's life, and of Pierre's life? Because they obeyed Him. How will we know when a boy or girl has made Jesus the Lord of their lives? Who has been obeying this last week? Who has been disobeying?

3. How does God speak to us in these days? How are we to know what our loving Lord wants us to do? Briefly tell the story of the boy Samuel, to whom God spoke in the night. (1 Samuel.)

4. Teach that God speaks to us,

(1) Through the Bible.

(2) Through the conscience.

He spoke to Daniel and Pierre in both these ways.

5. When He speaks should we hear Him? Here tell the story of the lesson to-day.

(a) The journey up to the hill top.

(b) The chosen ones, Peter, James and John.

(c) The transfiguration.

(d) The heavenly visitors, Moses and Elias.

(e) The bright cloud. Here teach the Golden Text.

(f) God's voice emphasizing the words "Hear ye Him."

6. Close with the thought, I will hear. I will obey. Because Jesus is the Lord of my life. Because Jesus is God's Son, and I have made Him the Lord of my life.