

GOLDEN TEXT

This is my beloved Son: hear him. Luke 9: 35.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Luke 9: 28-36. The Transfiguration.
T.—Luke 22: 39-46. Sleeping disciples.
W.—John 12: 23-33. A voice from heaven.
Th.—Rev. 1: 9-16. Glory of Christ.
F.—Exodus 34: 27-35. Threshing face.
S.—Mark 1: 1-11. The beloved Son.
S.—2 Peter 1: 16-21. Peter's remembrance.

TIME AND PLACE

A week after last lesson. Autumn of A.D. 29. Probably Mount Hermon or one of its spurs. Jesus and His disciples being in the borders of Caesarea Philippi. (Matt. 16: 13.)

CATECHISM

Q. 32 What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

LESSON PLAN

I. Heavenly Glory. 28, 29.

Jesus being transfigured in the presence of three chosen disciples.

II. Heavenly Company. 30-32.

Moses and Elias also in glory talking with Him.

III. Heavenly Testimony. 33-36.

To Jesus as the beloved Son of God.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise—16 (Ps. Sel.); 360; 302; 67; 391.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Mind Juniors—28 What time elapsed between Peter's confession and to-day's lesson? Whom did Jesus take with Him? Where were the other nine? (Mark 9: 14.) On what two other occasions were these three Christ's companions? (Mark 14: 32-42; Luke 8: 51.) Name of mountain? Where were the other nine apostles? 29 What happened? How was Jesus engaged? How does Matthew speak of Christ's appearance? (Matt. 17: 2.) How Mark? (Mark 9: 3.)

30, 31 Who appeared with Christ? After what fashion? State a peculiar fact about Elijah? (2 Kings 2: 11.) About Moses. (Deut. 34: 6.) What was the subject of conversation? Where events to take place? 32, 33 In what condition were the disciples? Why so sleepy? What did they see on awakening? Who spoke? What suggested? What were tabernacles? 34, 35 What occurred while Peter was speaking? Who entered the cloud? What was heard? Whence? What said?

36 What did the disciples do? (Matt. 17: 6.) What did Jesus do? (Matt. 17: 7.) Whom did they then see? (Matt. 17: 8.) How long were they to keep what they had seen, secret? (Matt. 17: 9.) Why?

Seniors—28 Who were the favored three disciples? By what name were James and John called? (Mark 3: 17.) How are the three spoken of? (Gal. 2: 9; 2 Pet. 1: 16.) What mountains have been suggested as the scene of the Transfiguration? On what other occasions do we read of Jesus praying? (Luke 3: 21, 22; Luke 6: 12; Luke 22: 44; Luke 23: 34.)

29 In answer to what was Christ's glory revealed? In what different ways His appearance changed?

30, 31 What did Moses represent? What foretold by him? (Deut. 18: 15-18.) Whom did Elijah represent? What was the purpose of the Transfiguration? (2 Pet. 1: 16; John 1: 14; 2 Kings 6: 17.) Wherefore Christ's decease selected as subject of conversation?

32, 33 What meant by "It is good for us to be here"? Why so anxious to make the tabernacles? Wherein did Peter blunder?

34, 35 What did the cloud symbolize? How were the disciples affected? How did God give His testi-

mony? On what two other occasions was the same voice heard? (Luke 3: 22; John 12: 28.) How is God's voice heard to-day? What is His message?

36 What was the true use of the transfiguration experience? Where were they to take this experience? How use it? What opportunity awaited them at the foot of the mountain? (vs. 14-20.)

Ref. B. 32
Bible Side Lights—FASHION OF HIS COUNTER-ANCE—Gen. 4: 5; Job 14: 20; 2 Cor. 3: 7; Rev. 1: 15. **HEAVY WITH SLEEP—**Matt. 28: 43; Ex. 17: 12. **TABERNACLES—**Num. 24: 5; Ps. 118: 15; Hos. 12: 9. **THEY FEARED—**Ps. 14: 5 (Mar.); Josh. 10: 2; Matt. 27: 54; 1 John 4: 18.

A VOICE—Ex. 19: 19; 2 Sam. 22: 14; 1 Kings 19: 12; Job 37: 4, 5; Matt. 3: 17; Rev. 1: 10, 12.

Practical Points—1. As Jesus prayed His countenance was changed, and as we pray we are changed, for, drawn closer to God, we become more like Him. There is something in the very look and voice and touch of a man of prayer that betrays him.

2. Dante says of Beatrice, as he saw her in Paradise, that

"She smiled so joyously

That God seemed in her countenance to rejoice."

3. Here we have the Law, the Prophets and the Gospel meeting, so none can say the New Testament has nothing to do with the Old. The New Testament is enfolded in the Old. The Old Testament is unfolded in the New.

4. The only theme worthy of their conversation was Christ's death and what followed. It is the most important event in the world's history and the central truth of the Gospel. Take the Cross of Christ out of the New Testament and it becomes like a body without a spirit.

5. These disciples missed a glorious opportunity of seeing and hearing wonderful things. There is a time for all things and the hour of worship is not the time to sleep.

6. We often, like Peter, try, too late, to grasp the departing blessing. Let us be alert to see what our Lord is and to hear what our Lord says.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Describe Jesus as transfigured.....

2. Tell some of the things Jesus, Moses and Elijah talked about.....

3. What lesson here as to whom we should worship and serve?.....