

One Lesson of the Battlefront

The International Sunday School Lesson For April 21 Is "Jesus Transfigured."—Mark 9:2-29

By William T. Ellis.

"One crowded hour of glorious life is worth a century of common days." This is the poet's phrase, as he sings the worth-whileness of a supreme experience. To have been at Balaclava, or on either side of the fence at the bloody angle at Gettysburg, or at the Marne or Vimy Ridge, is to have lived greatly, though all the remaining days be common. A great experience of patriotism, of human love, of spiritual ecstasy, is worth a lifetime of ordinary incidents; or, rather, it glorifies all common days. One of the motives driving young men to enlist in the war is the conviction that they cannot afford to stand apart from the experience that is transforming the whole of human life. From the standpoint of participants, they want to see God's great doings with mankind.

Such a vision lifts life. God plans it so. That is why He gave the prophet the vision of the seven thousand who had not bowed their knees to Baal. Therefore the Book of the Revelation, and the Transfiguration are in the inspired Scriptures. In the dull and dark days, and in the hours of heavy-heartedness, the moments of vision and inspiration rally to our help. That is why the thought of a great Christian convention, of an immense Bible class parade, of the glorious news of the church's foreign victories, of the shining Christian service for the soldiers should be cherished as memories that sustain service, and give a sound reason why we should all be diligent readers of news of the kingdom.

Behind the Soup Kitchens
This Sunday school lesson has no soup kitchen or medical dispensary flavor. There is no social service aspect to it. It is not on the plane of humdrum ministry to men's material needs. Yet it deals with that which is behind all forms of ministry. For here we confront religion's richest reality. The Transfiguration is a spiritual experience. It gives a glimpse of Christ as God's self. Its study should do for us what it did for the three disciples—make clear the character of Jesus. Let us ascertain no misapprehension here; religion is more than a ministry to the world—it is first of all a spiritual apprehension. The vision and acceptance of the Son of God are the heart of hearts of the Christian faith. Before it is a social service, Christianity must be a soul experience. The little group of friends of Christ, up near the foot of Mount Hermon, had been meditating upon His high, hard teaching of the Cross, which we studied last Sunday. The record is silent concerning the week that followed. Only in our minds can we conceive of the deep questionings and broodings over this new presentation of what discipleship meant. The depth of fellowship experienced at this "retreat" is beyond our ken. Upon these followers had dawned the truth that their association with their Leader was not to be permanent. Sadness overshadowed the company. Then followed the contrast, the transfiguration which enabled them to look higher than the Cross to what lay behind.

Sharing a Secret
Partly because they were fittest and closest to His heart—there are degrees in the friendship of Jesus—but more because they were to be leaders in service, and therefore most needed this equipment, the three familiars of the Master, Peter, James and John, were taken up to the heights of Mount Hermon with Him. High was their privilege, but deep was their obligation. It has been said that Christ comforts us, not to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters. This transfiguration experience was an equipment for ministry. The three were taken into the confidence of Jesus; they shared His secret, which they should keep within their breasts until the time was ripe for its full revelation. The subsequent experiences of Golgotha and the Garden were to be illuminated by the shining light seen on the Mount of Transfiguration.

Like burrs or barbs, Bible phrases have a way of sticking. Thus we read that it was "as He was praying" that all these things came to their pass. The transfiguration experience

was a mountain-top prayer meeting. Now, as then, it is the prayer-filled life that has its transfiguration moments, and beholds the Redeemer as He is.

The Outshining of an Inner Light
Suddenly befell the miracle. The three Galileans saw their friend, with whom they had eaten and slept and traveled, begin to glow in His person with a glistening light. His whole being radiated whiteness and luminosity. The entire texture of His person and His clothes became aglow. They sought in vain for something with which to compare this wonderful vision. They said that His clothes "became glistening, exceeding white; so as no fuller on earth can whiten them." The very fiber of the Master's body and raiment was luminous; it was not clothed upon with light coming from without; this was the outshining of an inner glow. It was as if the veil were momentarily drawn away and the glory of the divine Son made apparent. On this mountain top was afforded a revelation of the glorious possibilities of the life of the Redeemer and His own. It was a veritable glimpse of the heavenly appearance.

Nor was this transfiguration all of the miracle. The occasion was one of transcendent significance. It meant much to the realm of glory. Heaven's hosts were more concerned in the work of the Man of Galilee than they were in all the choruses of the choir of the redeemed. From near the very throne of God were sent two congenial spirits down to the mountain top to confer with Christ. Both Moses and Elijah had on earth been great leaders and testifiers. Both had suffered for the truth; both had gone the way of the Cross. Now to them fell the noblest tasks of their eternal existence, that of comforting Christ as He drew near His Cross, and of one more bearing witness to Him.

The story is a glimpse of the heavenly resources of God's servants. The King's business has the King's help. God's work on earth is not done apart from God's knowledge in heaven. The way of life is not altogether a "via dolorosa," as said a later disciple. "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward." Let us take time to think about the glory.

The Great Conversation
It is left to the devout imagination to know what the itinerant Teacher talked about as He walked the high ways of Palestine. Here in this instance nothing is left to imagination; we are definitely informed. Jesus and Moses and Elijah talked of the decrease which the Saviour was shortly to accomplish at Jerusalem. The final act of redemption was the supreme, concern of heaven and of earth. Ask me what this city is most interested in at this moment, and I cannot answer of a certainty. We do know, however, what is constantly the most interesting theme in heaven's councils. The passion

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and the death of the Saviour is the topic of the ages. It is of supreme importance to earth and to heaven. Those who dismiss the crucifixion as merely incidental in the exemplary life of Jesus should remember the transfiguration; for the Mount of Transfiguration fronted toward Mount Calvary.

The closest friends talk of deepest things. These six on the mountain top were engrossed primarily in the approaching passion of the Redeemer. Through all the ages since the best friends of Christ, in their profoundest hours, have meditated and conversed upon Calvary.

The Blunder of the Embarrassed
Even on the mountain top, our old friend Peter again blundered. He was embarrassed by the stupendous experience. He did not know what he was saying, so he proposed that they build booths and tarry on the mountain top. We could reproach Peter if this were his serious and mature thought; it was only one of his vagrant impulses, as unconsidered as the wish of some convention-goer that they might prolong the precious experience of fellowship and inspiration forever. To Peter the mountain top seemed better than the valley of humiliation. He preferred the glory of the Cross, and he missed the point of it all. That pinnacle of outlook was only one station on the road of service. Life must be lived on the plain, but it may be lived in the power of

the transfiguration mount. The reality of the ecstatic experience is to be proved down amid the people, with all their common needs. Life is not made up of transports; love cannot exist on kisses. Duty is the normal expression of devotion.

So these friends were to take the great secret, shared with them by Jesus, and to bear it out amid uncomprehending, suffering multitudes; and therein to be borne up by it. They had had a great hour, which would lighten them through the dark days. To them had been given the look that should lift life up to a higher plane.

From every aspect, this wonderful event on the mountain top was an experience in witness-bearing. By it Jesus testified to the disciples, by it Moses and Elijah testified to Jesus. Then, crowning all, the voice from heaven testified to Christ. All these jointly bear testimony to the world. The event was tremendously staged. Some minds balk at it, as too full of marvel and miracle. Why should it not be accompanied by the most extraordinary accessories, for here was uttered the greatest truth of all the ages, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him." Heaven has no higher function than to testify to earth of God's love, as revealed in His Son. The message of the transfiguration is the deepest truth for the times. "This is My beloved Son; hear ye Him."

FINLAND IS BUT SECOND BELGIUM

Wholesale Murder Part of German Junkers' Plans, Says Envoy

New York.—Germany is turning Finland into another Belgium, another Armenia.

This is the way Santeri Nuorteva, representative to the United States from the provisional government of the people's republic of Finland, summarizes conditions in his country. Mr. Nuorteva represents that faction in Finland which has been called the Bolsheviks and which has been cooperating with the Soviet in Petrograd.

"It is apparent that in their lust for world empire the German Junkers have reached a stage where wholesale murder is a part of their plans," he said. "Latest reports from Finland tell of horrible butcheries undertaken by the so-called 'White Guard' in conjunction with their Prussian allies. It should be remembered that the 'White Guard' is the army of the Junker class in Finland, who called in the Germans in order

to maintain their feudal class privileges, which were menaced by the highly-organized working class. Thousands of men and women, including every one of prominence in the labor movement in Finland whom the Germans could get their hands on, have been stood up against a wall and shot. The Junker class in Finland, just as in the Baltic provinces, are playing a sinister role. A list of names of all their political opponents is given to the German army and the proscribed persons are relentlessly murdered."

Mr. Nuorteva said that the red army of Finland numbered about 100,000, poorly equipped and fed. He said this force represented the Socialists and Bolsheviks of Finland, who differed from their Russian brethren in not being pacifists. The Germans, he said, had sent 40,000 soldiers, 1,200 machine guns and 300 cannons to Finland.

"With Germany occupying Finland, the Finnish question becomes an important international problem," said Mr. Nuorteva.

"The German aim is to annex the important Arctic ports on the northern coast, whereby they could menace Allied shipping, control all Russian harbors and eventually control Scandinavia, more than ever threatening the English position on the North sea.

A mass meeting will be held at Carnegie Hall Friday evening, April 26, on behalf of Finland's freedom.

'BIBLE STUDENT' BALKS AT CALL

Butler County Follower of Pastor Russell Is Seized As Slacker

Butler, Pa.—Clinton Clark, ordained member of Pastor Russell's International Bible Students' Association, arrested here on a charge of desertion by order of Butler county draft board No. 3 for failing to report for military duty April 4, has been taken to Columbus Barracks, Columbus, O., under guard.

At a hearing before the draft board Clark reiterated his previous statement that he would "never wear the United States uniform, would not obey an order issued by the President if the order related to war" and admitted that his disappearance the day he was to leave with Butler county selectives for Camp Lee, Va., was "wilful."

Clark is 29 years old, single and lives with his mother in Mars, Butler county. He has served three years

in the United States Navy. The case has caused more than local interest because of the war attitude of the International Bible students in this locality. Many of the students attended the hearing before the local board, when Clark openly defied the President and counseled his associates. If they were caught by the draft, to remain "steadfast," as he is doing. Asked if he would voluntarily go to Camp Lee, Clark replied, "I will go only as a prisoner."

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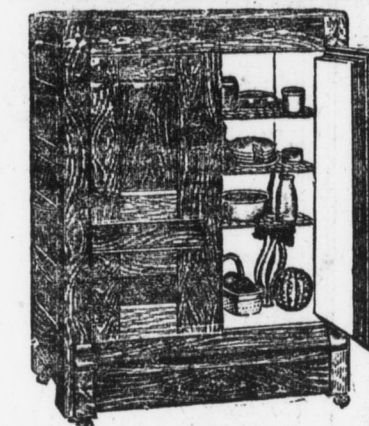
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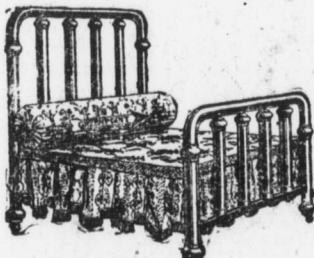


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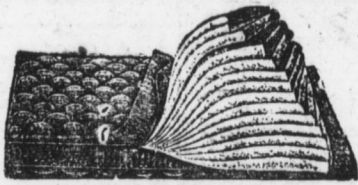


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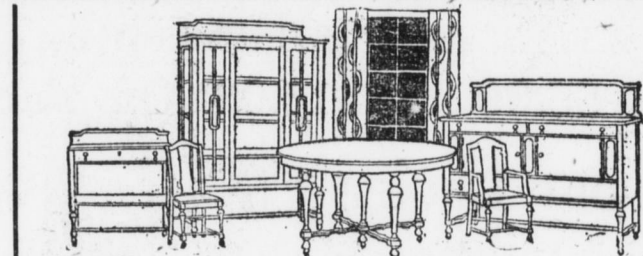
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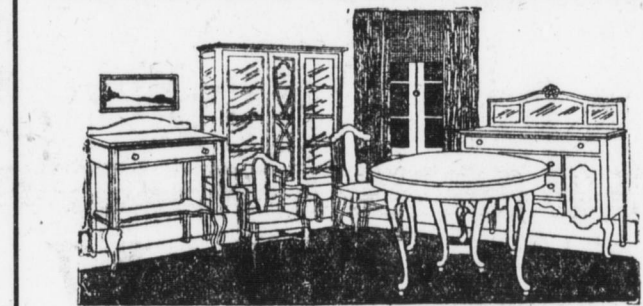
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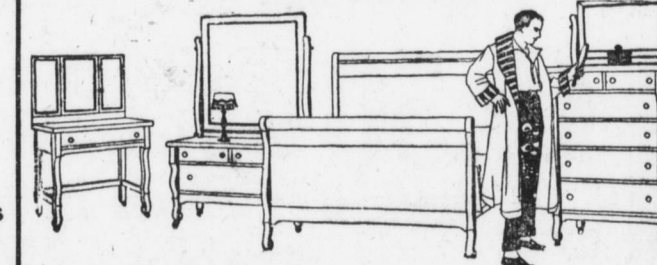
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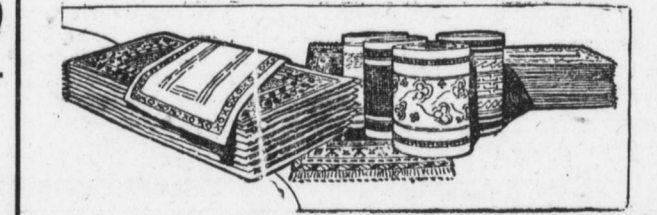
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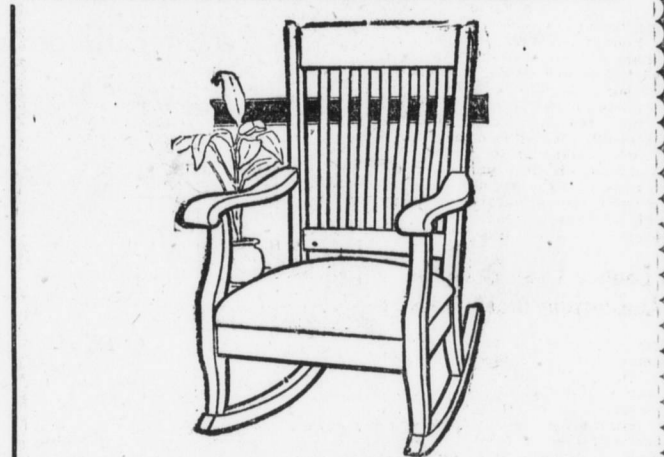


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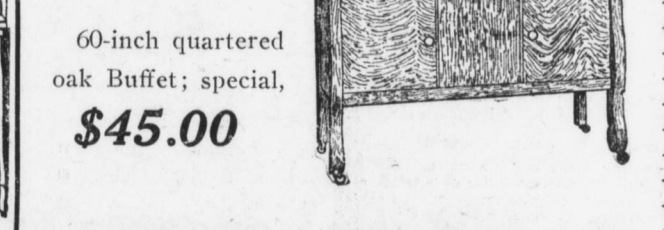
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