

EYES FOR WHAT COUNTS

The International Sunday School Lesson For November 9 Is "Peter's Great Confession"—Matt. 16:13-24

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In a little Vermont town I once mentioned my acquaintance with a distinguished son of the village who had made himself a name and a place in the world. The reply of the natives was amusing and revealing. They wanted me, the stranger, to try to understand that "Charley" was no better than any of the rest of them. While they did not exactly despise him, they took the familiar attitude that since he had grown up with them as boys, therefore he could not be anybody in particular; which is quite the way of old acquaintances. They have known them intimately is a bar to distinction! Some score of million of persons are studying in the present lesson about an entirely different type of man. Peter had eyes that saw through to essentials. The theme of this study could well be, "Eyes and no eyes." The big crowd was interested in Jesus, the wonder-worker, and they were trying to place Him. All their measurements fell short, as developed in the cabinet meeting which Jesus held with his assistants, a meeting wherein he kept in touch with public opinion. It was Peter, he of the ready tongue and the daring imagination, who had the vision to penetrate clear through to the truth.

An Old Story Retold The familiar incident is related in unfamiliar phrase in the Weymouth translation: "When He arrived in the neighborhood of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus questioned His disciples. 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' He asked. 'Some say John the Baptist,' they replied; 'others Elijah; others Jeremiah or one of the Prophets.' 'But you, who do you say that I am?' He asked again. 'You,' replied Simon Peter, 'are the Christ, the Son of the ever-living God.' 'Blessed are you Simon Bar-Jonah,' said Jesus; 'for mere human nature has not revealed this to you, but my Father in Heaven. And I declare to you that you are Peter, and that upon this Rock I will build my Church, and the might of Hades shall not triumph over it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of the Heavens; and whatever you bind on earth shall remain loosed in Heaven.' Then he urged his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. From this time Jesus began to explain to his disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer much cruelty from the elders and high priests and the scribes, and be put to death, and on the third day be raised to life again. Then Peter took Him aside and began taking Him to task. 'Master,' he said, 'God forbid; this will not be your lot.' 'But He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Adversary; you are a hindrance to me, because your thoughts are not God's thoughts, but men's.' 'Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to follow me, let him renounce self and take up his cross, and so be my follower.' 'Contemporary recognition of unconventional greatness is rare. Only the flash of genius can perceive genius. The reason no man is a hero to his valet, it has been said, is because the valet is no hero. Like the cerns like. It is the good who see goodness, the noble who praise nobility. Confessors, to the impure all things are impure.' Recently I heard a Congressman who is noted for his wealth and social position, if not for his brains and character, in the presence of a large company of men, tell a story about a woman in public life which branded the speaker as an evil-minded creature unfit to associate with decent people. Our judgments judge us. What we think of others is the clearest revelation of what we are. Peter was a man of mercantile temperament, but we recognize him at his best when he recognized the real character of his Leader. That was the Peter to remember. Phillips Brooks said, 'Count your highest moments your truest.' 'Anybody can see the obvious; so it is no merit to us to proclaim the subtle and the deep. The more we spread our life in this our day, a need of the times is for men and women who have eyes to penetrate to the greatness and glory of what lies beneath the surface of the present tumult. A dunard in Israel could behold the encircling Syrian hosts; it took prophetic vision to glimpse the heavenly hordes arrayed in chariots which filled the skies. Only spiritually quickened eyes are alert to see

"God within the shadow, Keeping watch above his own."

The Vision of the Best On the lowest plane of ordinary experience, it is a rare and precious gift to have a vision trained to see only the best. In a worldly world, where suspicion and distrust are rife, the people who perceive the good rather than the evil are a gift of God to their associates. They are the hearteners, the encouragers, the inspirers. Because of them their fellows keep up heart, and work more joyously. These optimists, with seeing eyes, who are in the real apostolic succession to Peter, make other people as happy as Peter's avowed made Jesus.

Let no one think that the lonely Man of Sorrows did not feel a glow at His heart when He heard His disciples' recognition leap forth so unreservedly. The lavish tribute Jesus paid Peter is evidence enough of this.

Once a woman said to the marine painter Turner, "Mr. Turner, I don't see in the sea those wonderful lights and shadows you put into your pictures." "Don't you wish you could, madam?" was the artist's instant reply.

There were many up in the regions of Caesarea Philippi who could not see the significance of Jesus. Nearer home, there are many to-day who hold in Him only a wise teacher, a perfect man, a helper of his fellows. They offer him a niche among the prophets of time. But the Peter spirit, which every one of us craves, needs a deeper, and behold the next Son of God himself, the Redeemer of the race, the only hope for our troubled times. Jesus himself does not desire floral tributes of praise. He asks recognition and allegiance.

At this hour, above the clack and clatter of our machinery, and our interminable, petty and disposition, we find the Jesus of Galilee offering Himself as leader and teacher and savior of a world lost in a maze of selfishness. As He was, so He is.

He who hath led will lead All through the wilderness: He who hath fed will feed: He who hath blessed will bless:

He who hath heard the cry Will never close his ear; He who hath marked thy faintest sigh Will not forget thy tear. He loveth always, faithless never, So rest on Him, to-day, forever. Then trust Him for to-day, As thine unfaithful friend, And let Him lead thee all the way, Who loveth to the end. And let the morrow rest In His beloved hand; His good is better than our best, As we shall understand.

If, trusting Him who faithless never, We rest on Him, to-day forever!"

A Man as a Rock

Theologians have quarreled for centuries over the exact meaning of the Master's praise of Peter, who at shifting sand, Peter's confession revealed Peter's character at its highest; and his conviction proved his spiritual illumination. There is a sense in which even God has to do all of his building upon human lives; and that in His eyes every rock-Christian is a foundation-stone of the kingdom. This is one of the profundities of our faith—the indispensableness of man to God. Man is not a worm; he is not even "a little lower than the angels," for that passage, in clearer translation, makes man a little lower than God! One proof of this is in the present lesson, which reveals man as possessed of the power to apprehend God. Nobody is up to his highest level who is not cultivating his spiritual vision. In graphic phrase, the apostle describes

this state or unawareness of God as being "dead." Our high hours come to us we know not when. What began as an ordinary daily conference of his disciples with Jesus, ended in the momentous confession of Peter. Jesus accepted and sealed the judgment of His apostle. The occasion seems to have been critical with Him. Some writers call it our Lord's first Passion. How runs the story: "From this time Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem . . . and be put to death, and on the third day be raised to life again." Thenceforth the Master walked ever in the presence of Gethsemane and the cross.

British Royal Family Is Down to Economy

London, Nov. 7.—Several members of the royal family have been setting an example in the matter of economy. With the exception of

King George, all of them are subject to taxation in precisely the same manner as any other subject, and it is said that many of them are finding it impossible to maintain their former state. Some time ago, the Queen mother, Alexandria, decided to dispense with two of the three police chauffeurs formerly employed at Marlborough House, and she has in contemplation other reductions. The Princess Christian also has decided to dispense in future with all of the male indoor servants she employed in the past, and these are all now being replaced by women. The latest royal economy involved the King's Privy Council, the last session of which was held at Balmoral Castle, Scotland. It has always been the custom for some of the councillors and the clerk to go from London to the councils at Balmoral, but, owing to the high cost of travel, it was arranged that the Duke of Connaught, the Lord Chamberlain and Lord Stamfordham, the King's secretary, should

act and so obviate the cost of the journeys to the government. Many Babies Await Adoption in England London, Nov. 7.—According to officials of the British National Baby Adoption Society, more babies are offered for adoption now in this country than can be placed in suitable homes. Many of the children offered are illegitimate. Some are children of demobilized soldiers whose wives have died or left them. Since the war, it is said, the desire to adopt children is more widespread than ever before. "Many unmarried women have taken a child," one of the officials said. "The children are adopted by miners, who are very fond of children and will take good care of them." Come—First Baptist Church 24 and Pine—Sunday, 1930 a.m.—adv.

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