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JESUS CHILDHOOD

QUESTIONS

1. When, where, and who was the Word?

NOTE: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." This is the most precious unfolding of definite truth, flashing its divine light and glory upon all who will receive it.—Fundamentals of Christian Education," p. 406.

2. Through whom were all things made? John 1:3; Proverbs 8:22-31.

3. What was in Him, and what was His life for men? John 1:4; Luke 2:30-32.

4. Where did the light shine, and with what success? John 1:5

NOTE: "It is our privilege also to glory in the cross, our privilege to give ourselves wholly to Him who gave Himself for us. Then, with the light that streams from Calvary shining in our faces, we may go forth to reveal this light to those in darkness."—"The Acts of the Apostles," p. 210.

5. Whom did God send and for what purpose? John 1:6; 7. Was John himself the light? John 1:8.

6. What is said of the true light? John 1:9.

7. What testimony did Christ bear in regard to His own? John 1:11.

8. What gave Jesus to those who accepted Him whole-heartedly? John 1:12.

9. Which wonderful explanations are given regarding the Word? John 1:14; Rom. 8:3.

NOTE: "The followers of Christ must be partakers of His experience. They must receive and assimilate the word of God so that it shall become the motive power of life and action. By the power of Christ they must be changed into His likeness, and reflect the divine attributes. They must eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God, or there is no life in them.

The spirit and work of Christ must become the spirit and work of His disciples."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 278.

10. What have we received from Christ? John 1:16, 17.

11. What should we always exalt before all men? 1 Cor. 2:2.

NOTE: "Without the cross, man could have no union with the Father. On it depends our every hope. From it shines the light of the Saviour's love; and when at the foot of the cross the sinner looks up to the One who died to save him, he may rejoice with fulness of joy; for his sins are pardoned. Kneeling in faith at the cross, he has reached the highest place to which man can attain."—"The Acts of the Apostles," pp. 209, 210.

Lesson No. 2—Sabbath, July 14, 1945

"THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH"

QUESTIONS

1. Where should Christ be born in fulfillment of prophecy? Micah 5:2.
2. Through which circumstances in Judea was this prophecy fulfilled? Luke 2:1-4.
3. What biblical interpretation is given in the Scripture for "Emmanuel"? Matt. 1:23.
4. In which city was Jesus raised, and in what reputation was this city held by the Jews? John 1:46.

NOTE: "The inhabitants of Nazareth were proverbial for their wickedness. The low estimate in which they were generally held is shown by Nathanael's question, 'Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?' Jesus was placed where His character would be tested. It was necessary for Him to be constantly on guard in order to preserve His purity. He was subject to all the conflicts which we have to meet, that He might be an example to us in Childhood, youth, and manhood."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 71.

5. What is said about the spiritual growth of Jesus in His childhood? Luke 2:40.

6. Wherewith was Christ familiar in His youth?

ANSWER: "The parents of Jesus were poor, and dependent upon their daily toil. He was familiar with poverty, self-denial, and privation. This experience was a safeguard to Him."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 72.

7. How old was Jesus when He went the first time with His parents to the passover feast? Luke 2:41, 42.

8. Did Christ at that time already understand the meaning of the daily sacrifice? Luke 2:49.

NOTE: "For the first time the child Jesus looked upon the temple. He saw the white-robed priests performing their solemn ministry. He beheld the bleeding victim upon the altar of sacrifice. With the worshipers He bowed in prayer, while the cloud of incense before God. He witnessed the impressive ascended rites of the paschal service. Day by day He saw their meaning more clearly. Every act seemed to be bound up with His own life. New impulses were awakening within Him. Silent and absorbed, He seemed to be studying out a great problem. The mystery of His mission was opening to the Saviour."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 73.

9. What caused great surprise among the Scribes and Pharisees? Luke 2:46, 47.

10. Why did Jesus remain in the temple, and what lesson has the forgetfulness of His parents for us?

ANSWER: "As His mission had opened to Jesus in the temple, He shrank from contact with the multitude. He wished to return from Jerusalem in quietness, with those who knew the secret of His life. . . . By one day's neglect they lost the Saviour; but it cost them three days of anxious search to find Him. So with us; by idle talking, evil-speaking, or neglect of prayer, we may in one day lose the Saviour's presence, and it may take many days of sorrowful search to find Him, and regain the peace that we have lost."—"The Desire of Ages," pp. 82, 83.

11. How old was Jesus when He began His ministry? Luke 3:23.

Lesson No. 3—Sabbath, July 21, 1945

JOHN THE BAPTIST AND HIS WORK

QUESTIONS

1. What does the Bible say about the parents of John the Baptist? Luke 1:5, 6.
2. What was the diet of John, and for whom was his diet especially an example? Luke 1:15.

NOTE: "John was a representative of those who are to prepare a people for our Lord's second coming. . . . All who would perfect holiness in the fear of God, must learn the lessons of temperance and self-control. The appetites and passions must be held in subjection to the higher power of the mind. This self-discipline is essential to that mental strength and spiritual insight which will enable us to understand and to practice the sacred truths of God's word. For this reason temperance find its place in the work of preparation for Christ's second coming."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 101.

3. Where was the character of John the Baptist developed? Luke 1:80.
4. Of what nature was the mission for which God had chosen him? Malachi 4:6; Compare Matt. 11:11-14.
5. What was the main object of his message? Luke 3:3.
6. How did John meet the hypocrisy of the Scribes and the Pharisees? Luke 3:7-9.
7. What important lesson has the message of John the Baptist for our generation? 1 Cor. 10:11.

NOTE: "In this age, just prior to the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven, such a work as that of John is to be done. God calls for men who will prepare a people to stand in the great day of the Lord. . . . Our message must be

as direct as was the message of John."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, pp. 332, 333.

8. How did John describe the Messiah? John 1:29, 30.
9. Why was John cast into prison? Matt. 14:1-4.
10. Whom did John send to Christ and with what question? Matt. 11:2, 3. What was the answer of Jesus to John? Matt. 11:4-6.
11. What testimony did Jesus bear regarding John and his work? Matt. 11:7-10.
12. What did John finally lose for the sake of truth? Mark 6:17-29.

NOTE: "Herod waited in vain to be released from his oath, then he reluctantly commanded the execution of the prophet. Soon the head of John was brought before the king and his guests. Forever sealed were those lips that had faithfully warned Herod to turn from his life of sin. Never more would that voice be heard calling men to repentance. The revels of one night had cost the life of one of the greatest of the prophets."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 222.

13. Of what was Herod afterward troubled?

ANSWER: "Herod's sin was ever before him. He was constantly seeking to find relief from the accusings of a guilty conscience. . . . The sinners own thoughts are his accusers; and there can be no torture keener than the stings of a guilty conscience, which give him no rest day or night."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 223.

Lesson No. 4—Sabbath, July 28, 1945

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST AND THE TEMPTATION IN THE WILDERNESS

QUESTIONS

1. Why did John the Baptist resent to baptize Jesus? Matt. 3:13, 14.

2. What caused him to change his mind? Matt. 3:15.

NOTE: "Jesus did not receive Baptism as a confession of guilt on His own account. He identified Himself with sinners, taking the steps that we are to take, and doing the work that we must do. His life of suffering and patient endurance after His baptism was also an example for us."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 111.

3. What took place while Jesus was baptized? Matt. 3:16, 17.

4. Where was Jesus led by the Spirit after His baptism? Matt. 4:1.

5. Why was Satan permitted to tempt Jesus in the wilderness? Hebrews 2:17, 18.

6. Which an High Priest have we therefore? Hebrews 4:15.

7. How many days did Jesus fast, and how did He stand the trial of His first temptation? Matt. 4:2-4.

NOTE: "With Christ, as with the holy pair in Eden, appetite was the ground of the first great temptation. Just where the ruin began, the work of our redemption must begin. As by the indulgence of appetite Adam fell, so by the denial of appetite Christ must overcome."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 117.

8. Of what nature was the second temptation, and how did Christ stand this test? Matt. 4:5-7.

9. In which way did Satan try the third time to overcome Jesus? Matt. 4:8, 9. What commanded Jesus Satan to do? Matt. 4:10.

NOTE: "Satan had questioned whether Jesus was the Son of God. In his summary dismissal he had proof that he could not gainsay. Divinity flashed through suffering humanity. Satan had no power to resist the command. Writhing with humiliation and rage, he was forced to withdraw from the presence of the world's Redeemer. Christ's victory was as complete as had been the failure of Adam."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 130.

10. Who came now to Jesus and strengthened Him? Matt. 4:11.

11. When shall we fully understand the great price of redemption?

ANSWER: "Never can the cost of our redemption be realized until the redeemed shall stand with the Redeemer before the throne of God. Then as the glories of the eternal home burst upon our enraptured senses, we shall remember that Jesus left all this for us, that He not only became an exile from the heavenly courts, but for us took the risk of failure and eternal loss."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 131.

12. What has God promised every soul amidst trial and temptation? 1 Cor. 10:13.

NOTE: "Often when placed in trying situation we doubt that the Spirit of God has been leading us. But it was the Spirit's leading that brought Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. When God brings us into trial, He has a purpose to accomplish for our good."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 126.

Lesson No. 5—Sabbath, August 4, 1945

TRUE CONVERSION

QUESTIONS

1. Who came to Jesus by night, and what did he say to Him? John 3:1, 2.

2. What answer gave Christ to Nicodemus? John 3:3.

NOTE: "You must have a new heart, or you cannot discern the kingdom of heaven. It is no greater evidence that will bring you into a right position, but new purposes, new springs of action. You must be born again. Until this change takes place, making all things new, the strongest evidences that could be presented would be useless. The want is in your own heart; everything must be changed, or you cannot see the kingdom of God."—"Testimonies to Ministers," p. 368.

3. What said Nicodemus now to Jesus, and in what words did Jesus repeat His answer? John 3:4, 5.
4. In what way did Christ explain to Nicodemus the new birth? John 3:7, 8.
5. What was the next question of the ruler, and what said Christ to him? John 3:9-13.
6. What plan did Christ now unfold before Nicodemus? John 3:14-16.

NOTE: "In the interview with Nicodemus, Jesus unfolded the plan of salvation, and His mission to the world. In none of His subsequent discourses did He explain so fully, step by step, the work necessary to be done in the hearts of all who would inherit the kingdom of heaven. At the very beginning of His ministry He opened the truth to a member of the Sanhedrin, to the mind that was most receptive, and to an appointed teacher of the people. But the leaders of Israel did not welcome the light. Nicodemus hid the truth in his heart, and for three years there was little apparent fruit."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 176.

7. If we are truly born again whom do we not serve? Rom. 6:6.
8. Through whom and in what way is the new birth accomplished? Titus 3:5, 6.
9. What constitutes the prayer of a new-born soul? Psalm 51:10-13.
10. What success had the words spoken by Jesus to Nicodemus in later years? John 7:50-52.

NOTE: "When at last Jesus was lifted up on the cross, Nicodemus remembered the teaching upon Olivet: 'As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.' The light from that secret interview illumined the cross upon Calvary, and Nicodemus saw in Jesus the world's Redeemer. After the Lord's ascension, when the disciples were scattered by persecution, Nicodemus came boldly to the front. He employed his wealth in sustaining the infant church that the Jews had expected to be blotted out at the death of Christ. In the time of peril he who had been so cautious and questioning, was firm as a rock, encour-

aging the faith of the disciples, and furnishing means to carry forward the work of the gospel. He was scorned and persecuted by those who had paid him reverence in other days. He became poor in this world's goods; yet he faltered not in the faith which had its beginning in that night conference with Jesus."—"The Desire of Ages," pp. 176, 177.

Lesson No. 6—Sabbath, August 11, 1945

THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

QUESTIONS

1. For what reason did Christ leave Judea? John 4:1-3.
2. On His way to Galilee, what city did He pass, and what did He do there? John 4:4-6.
3. Who came to the well, and what conversation had Christ with the Samaritan woman? John 4:7-10.
4. Did the woman understand the words of Jesus? John 4:11, 12.
5. In what way did Christ now explain the meaning of His words to the woman? John 4:13-15.
6. How did Christ at once change the subject of their interview? John 4:16-19.
7. For what reason did He do this?

ANSWER: "Jesus now abruptly turned the conversation. Before this soul could receive the gift He longed to bestow, she must be brought to recognize her sin and her Saviour. He saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.' She answered, 'I have no husband.' Thus she hoped to prevent all questioning in that direction. But the Saviour continued, 'Thou hast well said, I have no husband; for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.'—"The Desire of Ages," p. 187.

8. Which hope did the Samaritan woman cherish, and what said Jesus unto her? John 4:25, 26.

NOTE: "The question arose in her mind, 'Might not this be the long-looked-for Messiah?' She said to Him, 'I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ, when He is come, He will tell us all things.' Jesus answered, 'I that speak unto thee am He.' As the woman heard these words, faith sprung up in her heart. She accepted the wonderful announcement from the lips of the divine Teacher."—"The Desire of Ages," pp. 189, 190.

9. What conversation had Christ after this with His disciples? John 4:31-34.

10. What was the result of Christ's interview with the Samaritan woman? John 4:39-42.

NOTE: "The Samaritans asked no sign, and Jesus performed no miracles among them, save in revealing the secrets of her life to the woman at the well. Yet many received Him. In their joy they said to the woman, 'Now we believe, not because of thy saying; for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.'—"The Desire of Ages," p. 192.

11. What will those do who have drank of the fountain of life? Eccl. 11:6.

NOTE: "This woman represents the working of a practical faith in Christ. Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 195.

12. What promise is given to those who sow the gospel seed? Psalm 126:5, 6.

Lesson No. 7—Sabbath, August 18, 1945

JESUS ORDAINS HIS DISCIPLES

QUESTIONS

1. Name the twelve disciples of Jesus. Matt. 10:1-4.

2. On what occasion were some of the disciples chosen? Luke 5:1-7.

3. For what purpose did Christ call these fishermen? Did they accept His invitation? Luke 5:10, 11.

4. Of what other class did Christ choose His disciples? Matt. 9:9.

NOTE: "Sitting at his toll-booth one day, the publican saw Jesus approaching. Great was his astonishment to hear the words addressed to himself, 'Follow Me.' Matthew 'left all, rose up, and followed Him.' There was no hesitation, no questioning, no thought of the lucrative business to be exchanged for poverty and hardship. It was enough for him that he was to be with Jesus, that he might listen to His words, and unite with Him in His work."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 273.

5. What accusation was brought against Jesus when He was at the feast in the house of Matthew? Matt. 9:10, 11.

6. How did Christ answer the accusation brought against Him by the Pharisees? Matt. 9:12, 13.

7. In what way did Judas become a disciple of Christ? Luke 9:57, 58.

NOTE: "While Jesus was preparing His disciples for their ordination, one who had not been summoned, urged his presence among them. It was Judas Iscariot, a man who professed to be a follower of Christ. He now came forward, soliciting a place in this inner circle of disciples. With great earnestness and apparent sincerity he declared, 'Master I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest,' Jesus neither repulsed nor welcomed him, but uttered only the mournful words: 'The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.' Judas believed Jesus to be the Messiah; and by joining the apostles, he hoped to secure a high position in the new kingdom. This hope Jesus designed to cut off by the statement of His poverty."—"The Desire of Ages," pp. 293, 294.

8. What did Christ do before He ordained His disciples? Luke 6:12, 13.

9. For what holy work did He ordain them?

ANSWER: "When Jesus had ended His instruction to the disciples, He gathered the little band close about Him, and

kneeling in the midst of them, and laying His hands upon their heads, He offered a prayer dedicating them to His sacred work. Thus the Lord's disciples were ordained to the gospel ministry."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 296.

10. What is said about the character of the disciples?

ANSWER: "They were to be the world's teachers, and they represented widely varied types of character. In order successfully to carry forward the work to which they had been called, these men, differing in natural characteristics and in habits of life, needed to come into unity of feeling, thought, and action."—"Acts of Apostles," p. 20.

11. What was the prayer of Christ for them? John 17:21-23.

12. With what words did Christ always encourage His disciples? John 14:1-4.

Lesson No. 8—Sabbath, August 25, 1945

CHRIST AND THE SABBATH

QUESTIONS

1. What was the attitude of the Jews toward the Sabbath in the days of Nehemiah? Neh. 13:15.
2. What command was given by Jeremiah regarding Sabbath observance? Jer. 17:21, 22.
3. How did the Jews keep the Sabbath in the days of Christ? Matt. 23:4.

ANSWER: "The Jewish leaders accomplished the will of Satan by surrounding God's rest-day with burdensome requirements. In the days of Christ the Sabbath had become so perverted that its observance reflected the character of selfish and arbitrary men, rather than the loving character of the Heavenly Father."—"The Desire of Ages," pp. 283, 284.

4. What accusation was brought against Jesus and His disciples by the Pharisees on one Sabbath day, and how did

Jesus show them that His disciples had not committed a sin? Mark 2:23-28.

NOTE: "If it was right for David to satisfy his hunger by eating of the bread that had been set apart to a holy use, then it was right for the disciples to supply their need by plucking the grain upon the sacred hours of the Sabbath."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 285.

5. What did Christ also do on the Sabbath day? Mark 3:1-5.
6. What plans were laid by the Pharisees when they saw this? Mark 3:6.
7. Which important teaching regarding Sabbath observance did Christ establish? Matt. 12:12.

NOTE: "In the healing of the withered hand, Jesus condemned the custom of the Jews, and left the fourth commandment standing as God had given it. 'It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days' He declared. By sweeping away the senseless restrictions of the Jews, Christ honored the Sabbath, while those who complained of Him were dishonoring God's holy day."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 287.

8. When Christ healed the man at Bethesda what did the Jews do? John 5:16.
9. What said a ruler of the synagogue to Jesus when He was healing on the Sabbath day? What answer gave Jesus to him, and what effect had His words upon the people? Luke 13:14-17.
10. What attitude did Jesus take toward the law of God? Isaiah 42:21.
11. What commanded Christ His disciples to do when Jerusalem would be destroyed? Matt. 24:20.
12. Which position should God's children today take in connection with the Sabbath?

ANSWER: "God's remnant people, standing before the world as reformers, are to show that the law of God is the foundation of all enduring reform, and that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is to stand as a memorial of creation, a constant reminder of the power of God. In clear distinct lines

they are to present the necessity of obedience in all the precepts of the Decalogue."—"Prophets and Kings," p. 678.

Lesson No. 9—Sabbath, September 1, 1945

CHRIST AND THE SABBATH

(Continued)

QUESTIONS

1. What is the first step in keeping the Sabbath according to the commandment? Exodus 28:8 (First part),

NOTE: "At the very beginning of the fourth commandment the Lord said, 'Remember.' He knew that amid the multitude of cares and perplexities man would be tempted to excuse himself from meeting the full requirement of the law, or would forget its sacred importance. Therefore He said, 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.'—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 353.

2. Who hallowed the Sabbath day? Exodus 20:11.
3. How much time of the Sabbath is holy time? Leviticus 23:32.

NOTE: "We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath. Remember that every moment is consecrated, holy time."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 356.

4. What work should be completed in the six days? Exodus 20:9. May we do any secular work on the Sabbath? Ex. 20:10; Jeremiah 17:21, 22.
5. How does God explain true Sabbath keeping through the prophet Isaiah? Isaiah 58:13, 14.
6. What should God's children do on the sacred hours of the Sabbath? Psalms 92:1-5.

NOTE: "Then as you meet from Sabbath to Sabbath, sing praises to Him who has called you out of darkness into His

marvelous light. 'Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood' let the heart's adoration be given."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 367.

7. Were the apostles and the early Christians faithful in Sabbath keeping? Acts 13:42-44; 17:2; 18:4; Revelation 1:10.
8. Where did Jesus go on the Sabbath day? Luke 4:16.
9. What were the children of Israel commanded to do on the preparation day? Exodus 16:22-26.
10. Should we follow the same instruction today?

ANSWER: "On Friday let the preparation for the Sabbath be completed. See that all the clothing is in readiness, and that all the cooking is done. Let the boots be blacked, and the baths be taken. It is possible to do this. If you make it a rule, you can do it."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 355.

11. What counsel is given us in the Spirit of prophecy regarding traveling on the Sabbath day?

ANSWER: "I fear that we often travel on this day when it might be avoided. . . . In order to reach the churches that need our help, and to give them the message that God desires them to hear, it may be necessary for us to travel on the Sabbath; but so far as possible we should secure our tickets and make all the necessary arrangements on some other day."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, pp. 359, 360.

Lesson No. 10—Sabbath, September 8, 1945

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

QUESTIONS

1. Where did Christ go to be better able to speak to the people? Matt. 5:1, 2. How many had assembled to find help in Jesus Christ? Luke 6:17-19.
2. With what words did the Saviour open His sermon? Matt. 5:3.

3. What did the Pharisees and the greater part of the people believe in the days of Christ?

ANSWER: "In the days of Christ the religious leaders of the people felt that they were rich in spiritual treasure. The prayer of the Pharisee, 'God I thank Thee that I am not as the rest of men,' expressed the feeling of his class, and, to a great degree, of the whole nation."—"Mount of Blessing," p. 18.

4. To whom did Christ address His second blessing? Matt. 5:4.

NOTE: "The mourning here brought to view is true heart sorrow for sin. . . . Such mourning 'shall be comforted.'"—"Mount of Blessing," p. 22.

5. Why was Jesus able to be a true Comforter? Isaiah 63:9; Hebrews 2:18.

6. Which promise gave Christ to the meek in heart? Matt. 5:5. What is Christ to every soul in connection with this blessed characteristic? Matt. 11:29.

7. What promise is given to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness? Matt. 5:6. Who shall never hunger or thirst? John 6:35.

8. What blessing is given to the merciful? Matt. 5:7.

NOTE: "The merciful are 'partakers of the divine nature,' and in them the compassionate love of God finds expression. All whose hearts are in sympathy with the heart of the Infinite Love will seek to reclaim, and not to condemn. Christ dwelling in the soul is a spring that never runs dry."—"Mount of Blessing," p. 39.

9. What wonderful promise is given to the pure in heart? Matt. 5:8.

NOTE: The pure in heart live as in the visible presence of God during the time He apportions them in this world. And they will also see Him face to face in the future, immortal state, as did Adam when he walked and talked with God in Eden."—"Mount of Blessing," p. 45.

10. What is promised to the peacemakers? Matt. 5:9. Wherefore is peace necessary in the Christian life? Hebrews 12:14.

NOTE: "He who is at peace with God and his fellowmen can not be made miserable. Envy will not be in his heart; evil surmisings will find no room there; hatred can not exist. The heart that is in harmony with God is a partaker of the peace of heaven, and will diffuse its blessed influence on all around."—"Mount of Blessing," p. 46.

11. What has God promised to those who suffer for the sake of truth? Matt. 5:10-12.

12. What more important lessons for us do we find in the sermon of Jesus on the mount? a) in Matt. 5:13-16; b) in Matt. 5:17-19; c) in Matt. 6:24; d) in Matt. 7:1-6.

Lesson No. 11—Sabbath, September 15, 1945

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

QUESTIONS

1. Whom of the disciples took Christ with Him on the mount? Matt. 17:1.
2. What did Jesus do while on the mount? Luke 9:28, 29. What did His disciples do while He prayed? Luke 9:32.
3. Who appeared on the mount and for what purpose? Mark 9:4.

NOTE: "These men, chosen above every angel around the throne, had come to commune with Jesus concerning the scenes of His suffering, and to comfort Him with the assurance of the sympathy of heaven. The hope of the world, the salvation of every human being, was the burden of their interview."—"The Desire of Ages," pp. 422, 423.

4. What remarks made Peter when he saw Christ transfigured? Mark 9:5.
5. Which voice was then clearly heard, and what did God say? Mark 9:7.
6. What came upon the disciples when they heard the voice from heaven? Matt. 7:6.

NOTE: "While they were still gazing on the scene upon the mount, 'a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him.' As they beheld the cloud of glory, brighter than that which went before the tribes of Israel in the wilderness; as they heard the voice of God speak in awful majesty that caused the mountain to tremble, the disciples fell smitten to the earth. They remained prostrate, their faces hidden, till Jesus came near, and touched them, dissipating their fears with His well known voice, 'Arise and be not afraid.'"—"The Desire of Ages," p. 425.

7. What commanded Christ His disciples when they left the mount? Matt. 7:9.
8. What effect had the transfiguration of Christ on the disciples, and why were they permitted to behold Christ's glory?

ANSWER: "The faith of the disciples was greatly strengthened at the transfiguration, when they were permitted to behold Christ's glory, and to hear the voice from heaven testifying to His divine character. God chose to give the followers of Jesus strong proof that He was the promised Messiah; that in their bitter sorrow and disappointment at His crucifixion, they should not entirely cast away their confidence."—"Early Writings," p. 162.

9. Which prophecy was fulfilled by the transfiguration of Christ? Mark 9:17.

NOTE: "Jesus had told His disciples that there were some standing with Him who should not taste death till they see the kingdom of God come with power. At the transfiguration this promise was fulfilled."—"Early Writings," p. 164.

Lesson No. 12—Sabbath, September 22, 1945

CHRIST THE GREAT HELPER

QUESTIONS

1. For what purpose came Christ in this world? Luke 19:10; Mark 2:17.

2. When healing the palsy, on what did Jesus lay the most importance? Mark 2:5.

NOTE: "Now, in words that fell like music on the sufferer's ear, the Saviour said, 'Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.' The burden of despair rolls from the sick man's soul; the peace of forgiveness rests upon his spirit, and shines out upon his countenance. His physical pain is gone, and his whole being is transformed. The helpless paralytic is healed! the guilty sinner is pardoned!"—"The Desire of Ages," p. 268.

3. What said the Pharisees in their hearts when they heard these words? Mark 2:6, 7.
4. Which miracle did Jesus then perform to show that He had power to forgive sin? Mark 2:10-12.
5. By what other occasion did Christ reveal His love toward sinners? John 8:3-5.
6. How did Christ heal the soul of this sinful woman? John 8:10, 11.

NOTE: "The woman had stood before Jesus, cowering with fear. His words, 'He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone,' had come to her as a death sentence. She dared not lift up her eyes to the Saviour's face, but silently awaited her doom. In astonishment she saw her accusers depart speechless and confounded; then those words of hope fell upon her ear, 'Neither do I condemn thee. Go, and sin no more.' Her heart was melted, and she cast herself at the feet of Jesus, sobbing out her grateful love, and with bitter tears confessing her sins."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 462.

7. What is Christ still doing today for sinners? Hebrews 7:25; Rom. 8:34.
8. To whom is Christ especially near? Psalm 34:18. When alone is Christ able to forgive us our sins? 1 John 1:9.
9. What will take place in the life of a Christian after thorough repentance?

ANSWER: "True confession is always of a specific character, and acknowledges particular sins. They may be of such a nature as to be brought before God only; they may be wrongs that should be confessed to individuals who have suffered injury through them; or they may be of a public character, and

should then be publicly confessed. But all confession should be definite and to the point, acknowledging the very sins of which you are guilty."—"Steps to Christ," pp. 40, 41.

10. What promise is given to those who forsake all for Christ's sake? Mark 10:29, 30.

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CHRIST THE FOUNTAIN OF STRENGTH

QUESTIONS

1. In whom alone do we find salvation from sin? Acts 4:12. Matt. 1:21.

NOTE: "It is impossible for us, of ourselves, to escape from the pit of sin in which we are sunken. Our hearts are evil, and we cannot change them. 'Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.'—"Steps to Christ," p. 20.

2. In whom alone do we find strength? Psalm 27:1. Isaiah 12:2.
3. Who has taken our sins upon Himself? Isaiah 53:4, 5. Who is always willing to save? Isaiah 63:1.
4. How great was the love of God toward men? John 3:16.

NOTE: "The heart of God yearns over His earthly children with a love stronger than death. In giving up His son, He has poured out to us all heaven in one gift. The Saviour's life and death and intercession, the ministry of angels, the pleading of the Spirit, the Father working above and through all, the unceasing interest of heavenly beings,—all are enlisted in behalf of man's redemption."—"Steps to Christ," p. 23.

5. Through what did Christ become a perfect Saviour? Hebrews 2:10.
6. What is He therefore able to do? Hebrews 2:18.
7. What can we receive only through Christ? 1 John 1:7-9.

8. From what can the Saviour keep us, and how will He present His children before God? Jude 24, 25.
9. How does Jesus call those who accept Him as their personal Saviour? John 15:15; 1:12.
10. What kind of a friend is Jesus to His children? Proverbs 18:24.
11. What characterizes a true friend? Proverbs 17:17.
12. Which invitation does the Saviour still give today? Matt. 11:28-30.

NOTE: "As through Jesus we enter into rest, heaven begins here. We respond to His invitation, Come, learn of Me, and in thus coming we begin the life eternal. Heaven is a ceaseless approaching to God through Christ. The longer we are in the heaven of bliss, the more and still more of glory will be opened to us; and the more we know of God, the more intense will be our happiness. As we walk with Jesus in this life, we may be filled with His love, satisfied with His presence. All that human nature can bear, we may receive here."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 331.

