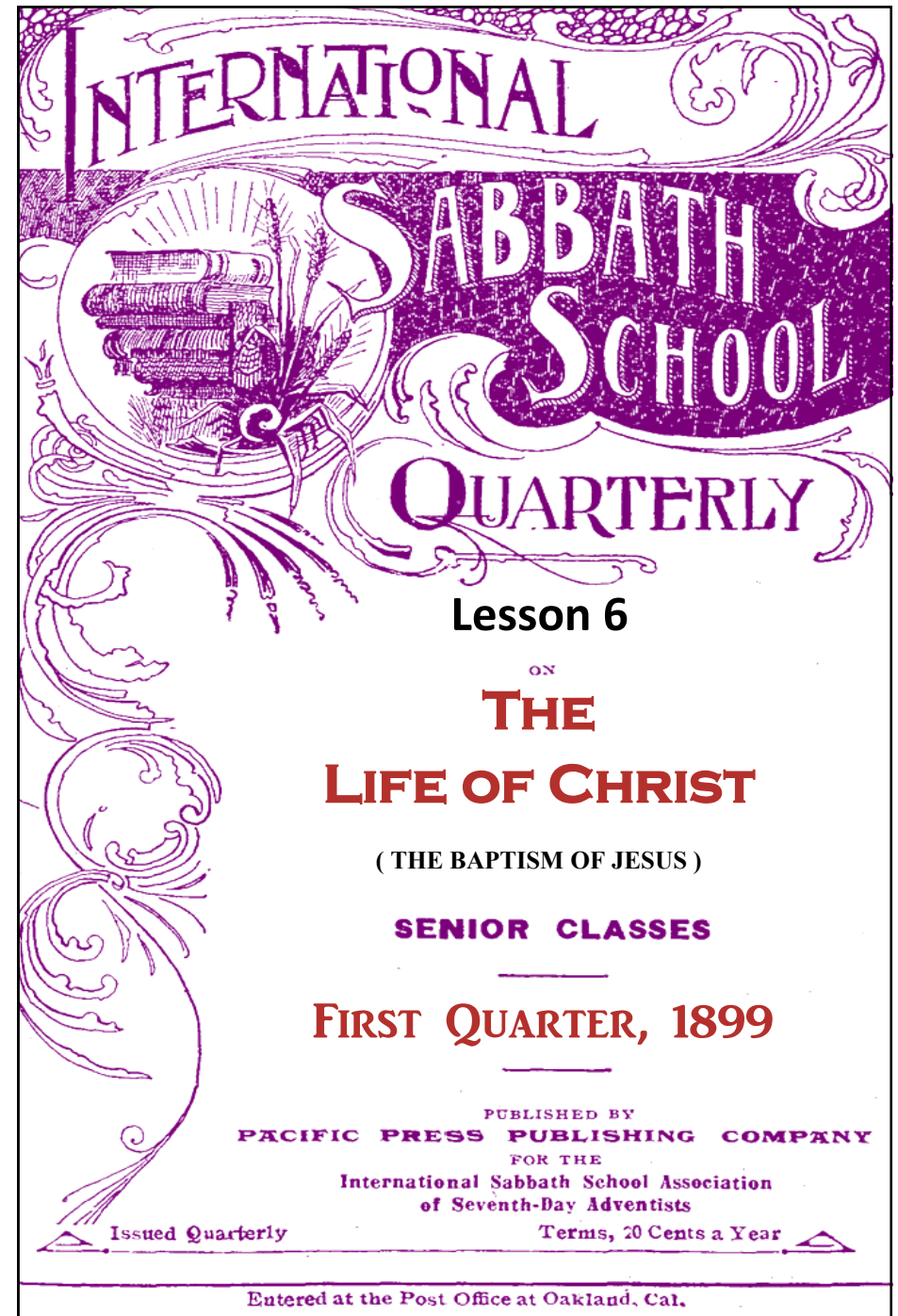


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LESSON VI-Baptism of Jesus

**At the Ford of the Jordan Near Jericho,
Autumn of A. D. 27.**

(Luke 3:16-23; Matthew 3:11-17)

Side Texts to be
studied with

1. WHILE the people hesitated in their decision as to who the strange prophet was, what did he say of One who was to follow him? Luke 3:16 ; Matt. 3:11
2. What additional baptism did he say would then be given to men ?
3. With what does he represent Christ cleansing His people? Luke 3: 17; Matt. 3: 12.
4. What did he say would be done with those who do not submit to this purging?
5. Where did this occasion take place? John 1:28.
See note I.
6. After the baptism of all the people on a certain day, who came forward and asked John to baptize Him?
Matt. 3: 13. **See note 2.**
7. How did the Baptist feel about granting the request? Verse 14.
8. What did Jesus say to induce John to change his mind? Verse 15.
9. What did John then do?
10. Upon Jesus coming up out of the water, what did He immediately do? Luke 3 : 21.
11. While in this attitude, what strange sight appeared?

John 1 :15, 30.

John 1: 33, 34 ;
Acts 2 : 3, 4.

Mal. 3 : 3;
Zech. 13:9.

Matt. 13 :
30,40
Mal. 4 : 1.

Judges 7 : 24 ;
John 10:40.

Luke 3: 21.

Mark I :9.

Isa. 6 : 1-3 ;
Matt. 3 : 16 ;

Verse 22. **See note 3.**

12. In connection with this sight, what was heard, as coming from heaven? Verse 22. Matt. 3:17.
13. How old was Jesus at that time? Luke 3:23.
14. For what reason did John say he had been sent to baptize? John 1:31
15. How did John come to positively know that the One whom he had baptized was the looked-for Messiah?
John 3 : 33.

Acts 10:37, 38.

Matt. 17 : 5
2 Peter 1: 17;
John 12 : 28.

Num. 4 : 1-3.

Isa. 40:3.

READING

" Desire of Ages," pp. 109-113

NOTES

1. Bethabara was beyond the Jordan, that is, on the east bank of that river, supposed to have been nearly opposite Jericho. It is not positively identified. See "Smith's Bible Dictionary."
2. This was characteristic of the Saviour through all His work. His modesty on this occasion is a standing model for every professed Christian. As He was retiring and modest, in this first public act of His life, so may all become the same, and demonstrate their worthiness to be counted His followers.
3. Never before had such an answer to prayer been realized. The form taken by the Holy Spirit on this occasion is certainly suggestive. It was in the beautiful form and gentle motion of the dove, the appropriate symbol of gentleness and affection. It identified Him as the meek and lowly One, the kind and loving Saviour. That Spirit is the same to-day, and when received, points out the receiver as being peaceable and " gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." James 3: 17.