

fortune. It was rebuilt by the tetrarch Philip, three, years before the birth of Christ, and named Caesarea, in honor of Augustus, the reigning emperor ; hence its name. It was called Panium by Josephus, but is now known as Banias.

2. It is upon the rock of this revelation that the church of Christ is built. When guided by the Spirit of God, His representatives will do and speak as .led by that power, and so their loosing and binding is sanctioned in heaven. See side texts When Peter said by the Spirit to the lame man at the gate of the temple, " Rise up and walk," the result was the same as though the words were uttered direct from heaven.
3. Only three were permitted to see this wonderful sight—those who constituted the innermost circle of the Lord's followers. The same trio were the only ones admitted into the death chamber of the little maid (**Luke 8:51**), and were also the exclusive companions of the Lord during His passion in the garden. Just why this was we do not fully know, but one thing is taught by the example — that, while the Lord's work recognizes no favourites, in a low sense, there are some whom he .permits to enter deeper into the mysteries of His doings than others. This being so, all should trust God's wisdom and justice, and know that God reigns over His work and people in the earth.
4. The very fact that Peter included Elias (Elijah) in the number to dwell in one of the three tabernacles he suggested to have made, shows that 'he still believed that that prophet was yet to come and live with the Messiah on the earth forever. He, therefore, could not understand the statement that Christ was to die and be raised again. This only illustrates how tenaciously one clings to his old, preconceived ideas, in spite of the plain teaching of the Word of God.

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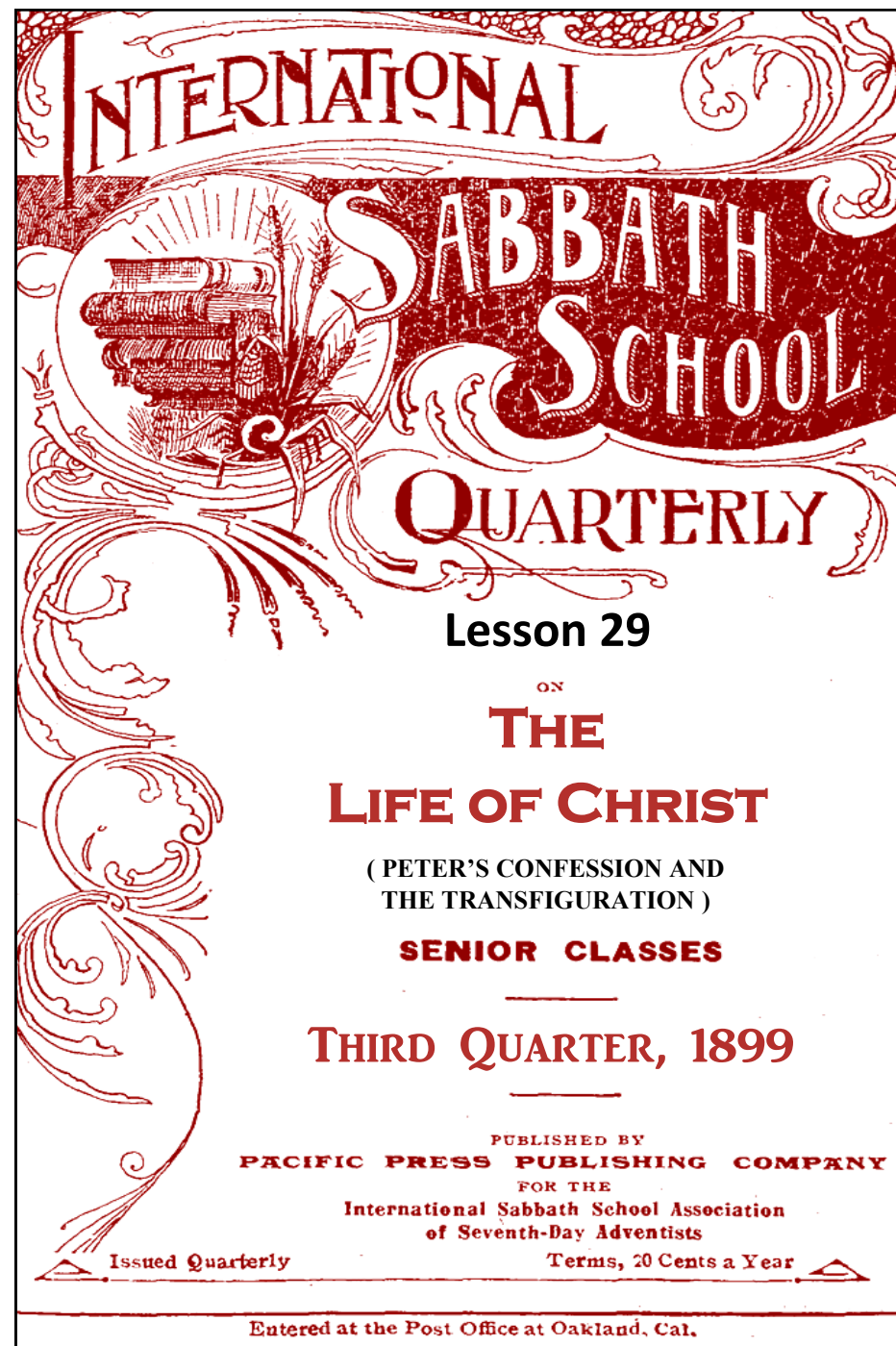
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(Matt. 16:13 to 17:13;
Mark 8 : 27 to 9: 8; Luke 9 :22-36.)

*Side Texts to be
studied with
questions*

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| 1. UPON arrival in the country of Caesarea Philippi what question did Jesus ask His disciples? Matt. 16 : 13. See note 1. | |
| 2. What reply did they make? Verse 14. | Luke 9:7-9 |
| 3. Upon asking for their faith regarding Him, who answered for them? What answer did He make? Verses 15, 16. | John 6:68,69 |
| 4. Repeat the words that Christ then used to Peter, as spokesman for the twelve. Verses 17-19. See note 2. | Ps 25:14; Eph 2:20, John 21:23; Acts 3:1-8; 5:1-10 |
| 5. Having established the foundation of His work for all time, what revelation did Jesus then make to His disciples? Verse 21. | Mark 3:31 |
| 6. How did Peter receive this prediction? Verse 22. | |
| 7. What does the Saviour's reply show was the cause of Peter's direct contradiction? Verse 23. | 2 Sam. 19:22. |
| 8. What necessary decision did Jesus then announce as a prerequisite to His service? Verses 24-26. | Matt. 18 : 2-4;
Ps. 131 : 2. |
| 9. What motive was added, as an incentive to such devotion? Verse 27. | Mark 8 : 38;
Jer. 32 :19. |
| 10. State the promise then given to some of those present. Verse 28. | Mark 9:1. |
| 11. What did Jesus shortly after do to fulfil this promise? Matt. 17: | Luke 9:28, 29. |

1, 2. **See note 3.**

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| 12. Who there talked with Christ? What was the burden of the conversation? Verse 3. | Luke 9 :30. |
| 13. In what condition were the disciples at the beginning of this interview? Luke 9 : 32. | Dan. 8 :18. |
| 14. Upon being aroused, what voluntary expression escaped Peter? Matt. 17 :4. | Mark 9: 5;
Luke 9 : 33. |
| 15. What demonstration accompanied this unstudied utterance? Verse 5. | 2 Peter I:17-18. |
| 16. How did this display of glory affect the disciples? Verse 6. | Ex. 24 :17. |
| 17. Having partially recovered from their fright, what did the disciples then see? Verses 7, 8. | Dan.10: 18, 19. |
| 18. While coming down the mountain, what charge did Jesus give the disciples? Verse 9. | Luke 9 : 36. |
| 19. What indicated that the disciples did not really yet understand what they had witnessed and heard ? Verse 10. | Mal. 4 5. |
| 20. How did the Saviour answer this query? Verses 11-13. See note 4. | Matt. 11:13, 14. |

READING

"Desire of Ages," chapters 45, 46.
 "Spirit of Prophecy," vol. 2, chapter 28.

NOTES

1. The town bearing this name lay to the northeast of the plain of El Huleh. It was close to the territory of Dan, and nearly due east from Tyre. The town had been formerly known as Baal-Gad, so named from the Caananite god of