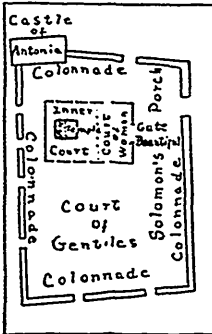


called Solomon's. See Geography Lesson.

III. THE SERMON.—12-16. Peter answered ; the looks and expressions in the crowd. Why marvel . . why look . . on us ? " Do you see ", says Chrysostom, " how clear of all ambition he is, and how he repels the honor paid to himself ? " The God of Abraham, etc. These words would gain attention from the Jewish hearers, who prided themselves on their descent from Abraham. Besides, God's promise to Abraham (Gen. 12 : 3) was fulfilled in Christ. Hath glorified (greatly honored) his Son Jesus ; not by this miracle only, but by the mighty works done by Him and in His name, and especially by His resurrection and ascension. Whom ye delivered up ; to Pilate, John 18 : 28-30. Denied. See John 19 : 4-15. The Holy One and the Just. See Matt. 27 : 19, 24. Destined a murderer . . killed the Prince of life. They preferred the life-taker to the life-giver." God hath raised . . we are witnesses. It was impossible for death to hold the very Source of life. His name, etc. Peter makes it clear to the crowds, that it was the power of Jesus that had cured the man.

Having brought home once more to the Jews their guilt in rejecting and crucifying Jesus, Peter goes on to show them how they may obtain mercy through this same Jesus, whom God has sent first to the Jews, to bring them to repentance. (See vs. 17-26.)

## THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



was called the Golden Gate. This is supposed to be the same as THE BEAUTIFUL GATE mentioned in Acts 3 : 2. Inside the walls, round the whole area, were ranged porticoes with double rows of pillars. All

The temple built by Solomon was burned in B.C. 586 by the Babylonians under King Nebuchadnezzar, and was replaced by Zerubabel's temple, B. C. 536 to B.C. 516 (see Ezr. 3 : 8 ; 6 : 15), which was superseded by that of Herod the Great, commenced about B. C. 20. Herod's temple was surrounded by a large enclosure, with a battlemented wall. Several gates led into this enclosure. One of these on the east side,

these porticoes were covered with a roof of wood. The eastern portico was called SOLOMON'S PORCH.

## LESSON QUESTIONS

1-5 Which of the apostles appear in the Lesson ? Mention other occasions on which they are found together. Whither do they now go ? At what time of day ? For what purpose ? Whom did they see ? At what place ? For what purpose was he there ? What did Peter bid him do ? Where did Jesus heal a blind beggar ? (Mark 10 : 46-52.) And Paul a lame man ? (Acts 14 : 8-10.)

6-8 What were Peter and John unable to give the man ? What did they do for him ? By what power ? How did the man show that he was healed ? What evidence of gratitude did he give ? Where does Peter contrast gospel blessings with silver and gold ? (1 Pet. 1 : 18, 19.)

9-11 Where did the crowds gather together ?

12-16 With what crime does Peter again charge the Jews ? Whom had they chosen instead of Jesus ? How had God glorified Jesus ? To whom does Peter ascribe the cripple's cure ?

How, does Peter say, may the murderers of Jesus find mercy ?

## FOR DISCUSSION

1. Things money cannot buy.
2. Mercy from God for the guiltiest.

## A LESSON FOR LIFE

" Have " and " give " are like the two measures of a balance. Into the first our loving Father is daily pouring the rich blessings of youth and strength and opportunity. A grateful heart will make it our delight to heap up the other measure with gifts of thought and work and money for His service.

Prove from Scripture—That we should help the weak.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 4. What is God ? A. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

The Question on Missions—4. Describe a mission hospital ward. It is a room 12 by 18 feet, with a brick floor, whitewashed walls and paper windows. The bed is a brick platform 2 ft. high and 6 ft. wide. On this the patients lie close together crosswise on thin straw matting, with a brick or a piece of wood for a pillow, and a quilt for a covering.

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What miracle is described in the Lesson ?

2. What was the effect of the miracle on the multitude ?

3. What part in the cure had (a) Peter ; (b) Jesus ; (c) the man himself ?