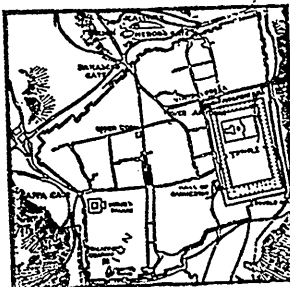


and eternal weight of glory. **Blessed are the meek ;** not those who tamely submit to wrong and injustice, but those whose quarrel with wrong is not for private advantage or revenge, those who put self last and least, those who are not self-regarding and self-seeking. **Inherit the earth.** Self mastery is the road to world mastery. The man who disowns self, owns everything else.

6, 7. **They which . . . hunger and thirst.** We may do the right because it is commanded or demanded. This is not hunger and thirst. We may do it because it attracts us, because it appeals to us. This is hunger and thirst. **They shall be filled.** The thirst for wealth, fame, pleasure is an unsatisfied thirst. The thirst for righteousness brings its own satisfaction. **Blessed are the merciful ;** those who practise the Golden Rule, forgiving and forgetting for love's sake. **They shall obtain mercy.** God deals with them as they with others.

8-10. **Blessed are the pure in heart ;** those who are single-minded, those who think and plan for God and good without the contamination and confusion of self creeping in. **They shall see God ;** understand God. Selfishness obscures our vision of God, for we see self when we should see him. We can only understand God through unselfish thoughts. **Blessed are the peacemakers ;** those who love peace, who hate strife, whose influence tells for peace, who will war only when peace means dishonor. **Called . . . children of God ;** because they show his spirit. **Persecuted for righteousness' sake ;** because they persisted in doing the right. **Their's . . . the kingdom.** They have bought it with a price.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



Men's Court and the Women's Court. Then came

the Temple was situated on Mount Moriah, the eastern hill of Jerusalem. The outer court surrounded by great pillars was called the Court of the Gentiles. On a somewhat higher level was the court of the Israelites divided into the

the Priests' Court, with the altar of sacrifice. Next was the Holy Place with incense altar, showbread, and seven branched candlestick. Then came the Holy of Holies entered by the high priest but once a year when he offered sacrifice to God. A veil, rent when Christ was crucified, separated it from the rest.

LESSON QUESTIONS

Matt. 25 : 20, 31 What reward had the man who received five talents ? How much is a talent ? What did the Lord say to him ? What other parable like this one did Jesus speak ? (Luke 19 : 12-17.)

22, 23 How many talents did the second man make ? Was his reward different ? Read what the one talented man did. (Matt. 25 : 18.) Who is meant by the lord ?

Matt. 5 : 3-7 What is the first Beatitude ? What is the blessing of those who mourn ? Who inherit the earth ? Who is it that shall be satisfied ? Who obtain mercy ?

8-10 What is it to be pure in heart ? What is a peacemaker ? What does Paul say about living peaceably ? (Rom. 12 : 18.) What is Christ called by the prophet ? What are the peacemakers called ? When is persecution a blessed thing ? What is it to be persecuted for righteousness' sake ? Where do we read of such ? (Heb. 11 : 37.) What is the reward of those so persecuted ?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can a Christian become a soldier ?
2. Is it right for a two-talent man to get as much as a five-talent man ?

A PRAYER

Master, teach us how to abide in thee, to feed upon thee, to receive thy life, to go in thy strength day by day. Give us the joy of bringing others to thee that they may share with us our gladness in thy presence, where is fulness of joy. For thy name's sake. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That Christians should bear fruit.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 27-29.

The Questions on Missions—12. What has Christianity done for the homes of Honan ? It has unbound thousands of cruelly bound girls' feet. It has taught many boys and girls who otherwise would not have been taught even to read. It has restored sight to many who were blind, has made many lame to walk. It has brought many homes and many hearts to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and that means joy and hope in many homes that once were dark and hopeless.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What is the threefold reward of faithful service ?
2. What is it to be "poor in spirit" ?
3. What does it mean to see God ?

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