

But Peter told him that he had done very wickedly in thinking that what God gave to those who loved Him, could be bought for money, and he said to Simon, "Repent of thy wickedness and ask God to forgive thee, for I see that thou art yet a wicked man and a servant of sin".

Then Simon was afraid, and begged, "Pray to the Lord, that His anger may not fall upon me!" And when the apostles had still further preached the gospel in Samaria, they went back to Jerusalem, preaching in many of the villages on the way. And so the good news about Jesus spread far and wide.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What caused many of the disciples to flee from Jerusalem? 2. What did they do wherever they went? 3. Who went to preach in Samaria? 4. What made the people ready to listen to him? 5. What caused great joy in that city? 6. Whom did the apostles send to help Philip? 7. What happened at the laying on of their hands? 8. What man in Samaria pretended to be a magician? 9. Where did the people think his power came from? 10. What did Simon ask of Philip? 11. Did Philip agree to this? 12. For what did Simon offer money to Peter and John? 13. In what did Peter say Simon had done wickedly? 14. How only could he be forgiven? 15. What did Simon beg? 16. Whither did the apostles return? 17. What did they do on their way back? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Lee Sin tottered painfully along the road, clasping some "cash" tightly in her little hot hand. There was a "praying-wheel", in the temple she was going to, and if she only paid enough money, perhaps it would pray long enough to make mother quite well again.

The priest in charge shook his head at Lee Sin's "cash". "Not enough", he told her roughly. Poor Lee Sin turned away broken-hearted. "Little girl", said a kind voice behind her, "you don't need money to pray to my God." And then the missionary told her about Jesus, and she went off happy, to pray to the true God to make her mother well. And God answered her prayer.

Lesson Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Love divine,
Let Thy light within me shine;
All my guilty fears remove,
Fill me full of heaven and love.

Let me never from Thee stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Fill my soul with joy divine,
Keep me, Lord, forever Thine. Amen.

—Hymn 552, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 17. What are God's works? The world and everything in it, the sun, the moon, and the stars.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 5-8.

The Question on Missions

9. What opportunities are there of teaching the gospel to the hospital patients? While waiting for treatment, all the men meet in the chapel and the women in another room, and there is always some one there to preach and sell Gospels and tracts. Those in the hospital wards who are well enough to be spoken to, are taught every day.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

When the apostles laid their hands on the heads of the disciples in Samaria, these received the Holy Spirit into their hearts.



And Jesus is just as willing now, as in those days, to give the Holy Spirit to all who ask Him. Copy the picture.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WILL MAKE ME GLAD