

24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jeru-sa-lem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Sa-mar-i-tans.

**TIME.**—A.D. 37, a few months after the death of Stephen. **PLACE.**—The city of Samaria, in central Palestine. **DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The indwelling of the Holy Ghost.

### HOME READINGS.

- M.* Philip preaching in Samaria. Acts 8. 5-13.  
*Th.* Philip preaching in Samaria. Acts 8. 14-25.  
*W.* False prophets. Jer. 23. 21-32.  
*Th.* Sorcery forbidden. Deut. 18. 9-19.  
*F.* Minding earthly things. Phil. 3. 15-21.  
*S.* The Spirit by faith. Gal. 3. 1-6.  
*S.* Samaritans believing. John 4. 31-42.

### LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 317, New Canadian Hymnal.  
 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun.  
 No. 321, New Canadian Hymnal.  
 A better day is coming.  
 No. 319, New Canadian Hymnal.  
 The morning light is breaking.

### DOMINION HYMNAL

Hymns, Nos. 183, 182, 186.

### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. **Philip the Evangelist, v. 5-8.**  
 Who went down to one of the cities of the province of Samaria?  
 Who had passed through Samaria shortly before?  
 Where do we first hear of this Philip? Distinguish him from Philip the apostle, who was now doubtless in Jerusalem with the others.  
 How did the Samaritans receive Philip?  
 What marvelous scenes accompanied his preaching?  
 2. **Simon the Sorcerer, v. 9-19.**  
 In what city did this Simon live?  
 What is meant in verses 9, 11, by "sorcery" and "bewitched"?  
 How did the people regard Simon? (Verses 10-12.)  
 Why did they so regard him?  
 What does verse 12 tell about Philip's preaching?  
 What does it tell about the people?  
 Did Simon's baptism do him any good?

that none of the things which ye have spoken come upon me.

- 25 They therefore, when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, returned to Jeru-sa-lem, and preached the gospel to many villages of the Sa-mar-i-tans.

What help did the Church at Jerusalem send the Samaritans?

What was the purpose of this visit?

What was the purpose of their prayer?

What requirement of the apostles had these believers fulfilled? (Acts 2. 38.)

By what means was the Holy Ghost imparted?

Of what was this a sign?

Why did Simon covet the power of the apostles?

What offer did he make to Peter?

3. **Peter the Apostle, v. 20-25.**

What was Peter's rebuke?

In what did Simon's offense consist?

What state of heart did his offense show?

What remedy did Peter propose?

Why was this remedy needed?

How did Simon receive the rebuke?

Where did the apostles go?

Repeat the **GOLDEN TEXT** and consider its applicability to every region which has been visited by a gracious revival.

### Practical Teachings.

Where in this lesson do we—

1. Find a keen rebuke to Romanism?
2. See the insufficiency of popular favor?
3. See that baptism and church fellowship do not make men Christians?
4. Ascertain how only spiritual power can be attained?
5. Learn that we should carefully inquire about the motives of our actions?
6. Find the only deliverance from the bonds of iniquity?

### Hints for Home Study.

Tell in what other notable scenes this Philip figures.

What other "sorcerers" figure in New Testament story?

### QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. **Philip the Evangelist, v. 5-8.**

To what city did Philip journey?

What did he there do?

How was his message received?

What miracles did he perform?

How was the city affected? (**GOLDEN TEXT.**)

2. **Simon the Sorcerer, v. 9-19.**

What claims did Simon make for himself?

What did the people say of him?

Why did they give heed to him?