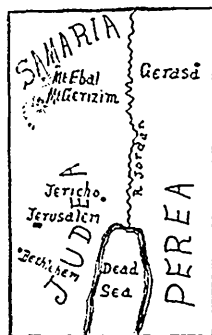


Jesus had just cast out of the man (Rev. Ver.). Passeth through waterless places (Rev. Ver.). Demons were supposed to haunt the desert, avoiding water as the emblem of cleansing. My house; so the evil spirit calls the soul from which it had been cast out, because no one else had taken possession of it. The Holy Spirit had not taken the place of the evil spirits. Swept and garnished; the more attractive, therefore, and with more for the foul spirits to destroy. Seven other spirits; like those cast out of Mary Magdalene (see ch. 8:2). Last state . . . worse than the first; because the evil cast out has not been replaced by good and therefore returns in greater force.

III. A SOLEMN WARNING.—33-36. Jesus here uses two illustrations. The first is from a lamp, which, if it is to give light, must be placed "on the stand" (Rev. Ver.). If it is put in a "cellar" (Rev. Ver.) or "under a bushel," it is just as if the light had become darkness. The second illustration is from the eye, which is in the body what a lamp is in the house. Now, if the eye is not single, that is, healthy, but evil, that is, diseased, its owner might as well be in darkness, for he cannot see. So Jesus warned His hearers, that sin, if yielded to, might so blind the inward eye of the soul, that it would be unable to tell the difference between good and evil. It is those whose whole body is full of light, that is, who do not admit the darkness of sin, and who therefore see the truth of His message.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



One of the spots which Jesus visited in Perea, may have been the site of the ancient RAMOTH-GILEAD (modern Gerasa), one of the Cities of Refuge, and was otherwise a place of considerable importance. From it could be seen in the distance to the right the hills which formed the southern border of Galilee, where Jesus spent the greater part of His ministry, while the two heights standing in the centre distance are Ebal and Gerizim.

in Samaria, the mountains respectively of Cursim and Blessing (see Deut. 11:29, 30).

LESSON QUESTIONS

14-16 What miracle did Jesus work? How had the evil spirit shown its power? What effect had the miracle on the people? What accusation was made against Jesus? Who was Beelzebub? How was Jesus tempted? Show that He was exposed to our temptations. (Heb. 4:15.)

17-23 How did Jesus know His hearers' thoughts? What answer did He make? To whom did He liken Satan? Who is the overcomer of the evil one? Who tells us that we can vanquish Satan? (James 4:7.)

24-26 What made it possible for the evil spirit to return after he had been driven out? Where are we told to be filled with the Spirit? (Eph. 5:18.)

33-36 What two illustrations does Jesus here use? What must be done with a lamp if it is to give light? In what condition must the eye be if it is to serve the body? Against what does Jesus warn His hearers? Where are Christians called "children of light?" (Eph. 5:8.)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is there such a thing now as possession by evil spirits?
2. What are some of the reasons why people do not decide for Christ?

A PRAYER

O Light that lightest every man that cometh into the world, we pray Thee to shine upon us. Illumine our darkness. May we choose to live in the light, to walk in the light, to point others to the Light. Forgive us that we are so willing to share in the works of darkness. Glorify Thyself in us and in those we meet day by day. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That Christians should give light.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 56. What is faith in Jesus Christ? A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

The Question on Missions—6. How does he get about from place to place? In Saskatchewan and Alberta in summer he has a horse and buggy, and visits newer districts. In winter he works along the railway helping the older Schools to do better work. In Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia nearly all the work is done by train, stage and walking.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 80 (Supplemental Lesson), 245, 240, 44 (Ps. Sel.), 576 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 250.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Of what was Jesus accused?
2. What was His answer?

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