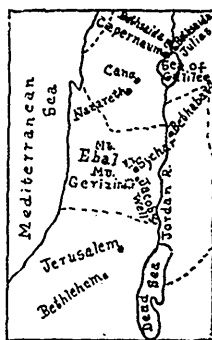


Tell us all things. What she needed to be told most of all was how she might be saved from her sins. **I...am he.** The woman had been brought face to face with her sin; now she is face to face with her Saviour. **Disciples...marvelled;** because it was unusual amongst the Jews for a teacher to talk with a woman. **Is not this the Christ?** Jesus' knowledge of her past life convinced her that His claim to be the Messiah was true. The disciples were thus encouraged by seeing the firstfruits of the harvest that awaited them as reapers.

Vs. 30 to 42 tell of the conversation of Jesus and His disciples, and of His two days' stay amongst the Samaritans, during which many of them were led to believe in Him as their Saviour.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



The Lesson takes us to the valley between Mts. Ebal and Gerizim, on the highway through Samaria from Judea to Galilee. At the foot of Mt. Gerizim is JACOB'S WELL, now 70 feet deep and lined with rough masonry. The depth is much less than formerly, owing to the number of stones thrown into it by visitors. There are a number of fountains in the valley; but Jacob had dug this well probably to be independent of his heathen neighbors. Nearly a mile from Jacob's Well, at the foot of Mt. Ebal, is the modern village of Askar. It is generally believed that this is the ancient SYCHAR, from which the woman came to draw water and found Jesus resting by the well.

AN ORIENTAL SIDELIGHT

There is an Oriental legend of a fountain into whose waters a good angel infused the mysterious power that a new fountain rose and gushed wherever some drops fell on the barren plain; so that a traveler carrying a portion of this water could safely traverse any desert, however wide or dry, because he took with him the secret of unfailing springs, and he could impart their waters to others.—Peloubet.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What was there remarkable in Jesus' traveling through Samaria?
2. What kind of worship does God require?
3. How did the woman of Samaria become a missionary?

LESSON QUESTIONS

How had the rulers in Jerusalem treated Jesus? Whither did He go from that city?

Why did Jesus leave Judea? Whither was He going? Where did He rest? What person came thither? What did Jesus ask of her? What did He promise to give her?

19-24 Why did the Samaritan woman believe Jesus to be a prophet? What question did she ask Him to settle? Who were the Samaritans? What feeling existed between them and the people of Judea? By what name does Jesus call God? What feelings, therefore, enter into His children's worship? Explain, "Salvation is of the Jews". What is the real nature of God?

25-29 Who did Jesus tell the woman He was? To whom did she make this known? How long did Jesus stay amongst the Samaritans? What was the result of this stay?

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. The place of forms in worship.
2. The duty of sharing the gospel with others.

A LESSON FOR LIFE

"Have you found the Saviour?" a man was once asked "No", he replied, "but I am seeking." "Then there is sure to be a finding, for He also is seeking you." Jesus came all the way from heaven to seek us, and if we are seeking Him, it is certain that we shall meet Him, and the meeting will be more joyful than words can tell.

Prove from Scripture—That worship must be from the heart.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 86. 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. What Christian work do the boys and girls undertake? Boys in training as Bible teachers go out for several weeks each year to assist the evangelists, who preach the gospel among the villages. Others help with singing at evening street meetings. Girls sometimes go out with a missionary or native teacher to tell the story of Jesus to the women and children of a near-by village.