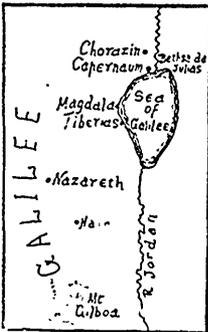


7-11. Remain ; not seeking more pleasant quarters. Go not from house to house ; to be feted about as was usual with famous Jewish rabbis or teachers when they visited a town. Heal the sick ; like Jesus Himself and like modern medical missionaries. The kingdom of God is come nigh ; so near that they had only to give their hearts to God to be in that kingdom and enjoy all its blessings. Even the . . . dust, etc. Not the smallest thing that belongs to you will we have. It is said that Pharisees shook the dust from their feet on passing from heathen territory to their own land.

III. THE AUTHORITY.—12-16. More tolerable ; easier. For Sodom ; the city by the Dead Sea destroyed in Abraham's time for its great wickedness, Gen. 19 : 24, 25. Chorazin ; perhaps the modern Kerazeh two miles north of the Lake of Galilee. Bethsaida ; on the Lake of Galilee just where the Jordan enters it. Mighty works ; the miracles of Jesus. Tyre and Sidon ; ancient seaports of Phœnicia north of Palestine. Sackcloth ; a coarse, dark cloth made from the hair of goats and camels. To wear this and to put ashes on the head were signs of mourning. Capernaum . . . exalted to heaven ; full of pride and expectation of a great future. Down unto Hades (Rev. Ver.) ; the place of the dead, an expression for complete destruction. Capernaum has so completely disappeared that its very site is uncertain. The cities in which Jesus had preached and wrought miracles would be the more severely punished because their opportunities had been so great.

Vs. 17-24 tell of Jesus' reception of the Seventy on their return.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



GALILEE, in the days of our Lord, was thickly dotted with towns and villages. It possessed forests, meadows and pastures, well tilled fields and gardens, vineyards and olive orchards, broad acres covered with wheat and barley, and fountains, streams, lakes and rivers which made it a land of great beauty. Caravans of camels and donkeys were to be seen every day on the main roads, carrying grain and olive oil, fruits and lake fish to places along the route.

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LESSON QUESTIONS

1 Explain "after these things." Why were the Seventy sent out "two and two?" Who were the first two foreign missionaries? (Acts 13: 2-4) Whither were the Seventy sent?

2, 3 What did Jesus mean by the "harvest?" Where are our church's great harvest fields? Of what great need did Jesus speak? What similar need exists now? How can all help in mission work? To what did Jesus liken His enemies? Where does Paul speak of "grievous wolves?" (Acts 20: 29.)

4-6 What usual provision for a journey were the Seventy to omit? Why? Why were they to omit salutations by the way? Where is the command, "Be courteous?" (1 Pet. 3: 8.)

7-11 How were the Seventy to conduct themselves in the places whither they went?

12-16 Why would the cities of Jesus' day be more severely judged than ancient cities?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What constitutes a call to be a missionary?
2. Should missionaries now be sent out without provision being made for their support?

A PRAYER

More love to Thee, O Christ! Let this be our earnest prayer. May we show our love by our readiness to serve in the way of Thy choosing. Forgive us for the cowardice that has made us keep silence about Thee even before those we love most. Pardon our indifference to the progress of Thy kingdom and the glory of Thy name. And enable us to say from the heart, "Here am I; send me." May we go where we are sent, do what we are bidden, and rejoice in Thee. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That we should pray for missions.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 83. Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous? A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

The Question on Missions—2. What are we doing to start new Schools? Each of our ten Home Mission superintendents has this as part of his duty. In addition, field workers are sent to new districts into which people are coming to help in starting Sunday Schools.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 80 (Supplemental Lesson), 417, 449, 46 (Ps. Sel.), 447 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 436.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Whither did Jesus send the Seventy? .....
2. What was to be their work? .....

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