

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

THIRD QUARTER.

[THE QUARTERLY MISSIONARY LESSON.]

A. D. 37.] LESSON X. PHILIP PREACHING AT SAMARIA. [Sept. 4.]

GOLDEN TEXT. And there was great joy in that city. Acts 4. 31.

Authorized Version.

Acts 8. 5-25. [Commit to memory verses 5-8.]

5 Then Phil'ip went down to the city of Samari'a, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Phil'ip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, called Si'mon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samari'a, giving out that himself was some great one:

10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Phil'ip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Je'sus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Si'mon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Phil'ip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Je-ru-sa-lem heard that Sa-ma'ri-a had received the word of God, they sent unto them Pe'ter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Je'sus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

18 And when Si'mon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Pe'ter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money,

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Revised Version.

5 And Phil'ip went down to the city of Sa-ma'ri-a, and proclaimed unto them the Christ.

6 And the multitudes gave heed with one accord unto the things that were spoken by Phil'ip, when they heard, and saw the signs which he did. For from many of those which

7 had unclean spirits, they came out, crying with a loud voice: and many that were palsied, and 8 that were lame, were healed. And there was much joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, Si'mon by name, which beforetime in the city used sorcery, and amazed the people of Sa-ma'ri-a, giving out that himself was some great one: to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is that power of God 11 which is called Great. And they gave heed to him, because that of long time he had amazed 12 them with his sorceries. But when they believed Phil'ip preaching good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Je'sus Christ, they were baptized, both men and 13 women. And Si'mon also himself believed: and being baptized he continued with Phil'ip; and beholding signs and great miracles wrought, he was amazed.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Je-ru-sa-lem heard that Sa-ma'ri-a had received the word of God, they sent unto them Pe'ter and 15 John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the 16 Holy Ghost: for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the 17 name of the Lord Je'sus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy 18 Ghost. Now when Si'mon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost 19 was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay my hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. 20 But Pe'ter said unto him, Thy silver perish with thee, because thou hast thought to obtain 21 the gift of God with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not 22 right before God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray the Lord, if perhaps the thought of thy heart shall be forgiven thee. 23 For I see that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. And Si'mon answered and said, Pray ye for me to the Lord,