

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who was the Great Teacher?
 What question did the disciples ask one day?
 What did Jesus teach them?
 What do we owe to God? **All we have and are.**

Where was Jesus going now?
 Through what country did he pass?
 What did he see outside one of the villages?
 Why were lepers kept by themselves?
 Of what is leprosy a type or picture?
 How did these lepers look?
 What did they want?

Why did Jesus send them to the priests?
 Could he not have told them to go home cured?
Yes; but Jesus always kept the law.

What did the nine Jews do?
 What did the one Samaritan do?
 What did the Jews show? **Selfish and ungrateful hearts.**

What is the lesson for us? [Answer to yourself.]

Lessons for Me.

That I may have more faith if I want it.
 That I can never deserve God's love and mercy.
 That I must try to have a thankful heart.

LESSON OUTLINE.

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The Acceptable Faith.

I. A GROWING FAITH.

Increase our faith. v. 5.
 Your faith groweth. 2 Thess. 1. 3.
 Add to your faith. 2 Peter 1. 5.

II. A LIVING FAITH.

As a grain of mustard seed. v. 6.
 The gift of God. Eph. 2. 8.
 Being born again. 1 Peter 1. 23.

III. AN OVERCOMING FAITH.

Be thou plucked up. v. 6.
 All things are possible. Mark 9. 23.
 Subdued kingdoms. Heb. 11. 33.

IV. A WORKING FAITH.

Did the things....commanded. v. 7-9.
 My friends if ye do. John 15. 14.
 The will of my Father. Matt. 12. 50.

V. A HUMBLE FAITH.

We are unprofitable servants. v. 10.
 Our righteousness....rags. Isa. 64. 6.
 Clothed with humility. 1 Peter 5. 5.

VI. A PRAYING FAITH.

Have mercy on us. v. 12, 13.
 Praying always. Eph. 6. 18.
 Watch unto prayer. 1 Peter 4. 7.

VII. A TRUSTING FAITH.

As they went. v. 14.
 Believe....be saved. Acts 16. 31.
 Trust in the Lord. Psalm 37. 3.

VIII. A GRATEFUL FAITH.

Glorified God. v. 15-18.
 Giving thanks always. Eph. 5. 20.
 The fruit of our lips. Heb. 13. 15.

EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL NOTES.

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General Statement.

Our Lesson Committee has selected for our lesson to-day one of the most startling of our Lord's conversations and one of the most startling of his miracles, which indeed stand side by side in Luke's record, but which can hardly have happened near to each other in time or place. Very wisely we have been recommended by the Committee to carefully read the entire chapter in connection with this lesson. It is likely that self-sufficient comments made by the disciples upon hearing the parable of the rich man and Lazarus led to the administration of the kindly but severe rebuke contained in verses 3 and 4. Our Lord warns them that they must never tire in the exercise of forgiveness. They feel their inability to obey, and call out for an increase of faith. But there is only one way to increase faith, and that is by obedience to the Master's will. After the advice of verses 6 to 10 comes the story of a miracle which had probably been wrought some time before this, but which Luke has his own reasons for recording now. Our Lord was walking eastward along a provincial boundary line. To the north and to his left was Galilee, in which most of his life on earth had been passed, and most of his miracles wrought; to the south and to his right was Samaria, the middle section of the country, but at this time politically united with the province of Judea. It took its name from the ancient capital of the Ten Tribes. Its mongrel inhabitants, with their debased worship and inveterate prejudices, had little in common with the Jews. As Jesus walks along the frontier of these two provinces he meets a little group of lepers, who beg for his mercy. He does not tell them that they are healed, or that they are going to be healed, but, assuming that they will be, commands them to go boldly to the priests and demand the privileges of health. Some faith they must have had, for they obey and are instantly cured. But nine of them, intent only on the healing, care little for the Healer. Impatient to be restored to a normal life, they hasten to the priests. One only stops to acknowledge gratefully the goodness of Him who has wrought this wonderful change; and he was a Samaritan.

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