

amongst the reeds and rushes which served for a carpet; the sweeping of the house by the light of a candle; the joy of the woman at finding the lost piece of money,—a joy shared in by all the women of her acquaintance.

The joy of the woman at finding the lost coin is another picture of the joy of God and

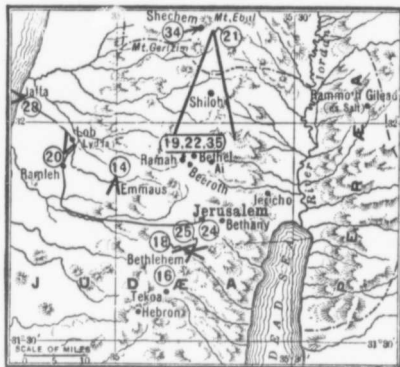
the angels over a sinner who repents.

Make the missionary application, that if God is so eager for the salvation of all men and rejoices so greatly when one is saved, we ought to do our very utmost to send the gospel which saves men to every one the world over.

### THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

Our Judea map marks with the encircled number 16 a spot on a hillside a little south of Bethlehem, where we can see just such a shepherd and flock as the Master called to His hearers' minds. This modern shepherd, a well-built young Syrian, stands with his staff on a sunny slope, with sheep nibbling coarse weeds

which partly cover the stony ground at his feet. Goats, leaner, darker in color, and alertly angular of build, keep by themselves at a little distance. It is a lonesome country—all hills and valleys. When you are on one of the higher ridges you can see for miles over the barren wilderness. When you are down



in one of the hollows it is like being in a great bowl with the blue sky for a cover. If a sheep should stray off out of sight in a district like this, it might take hours of searching to find it, for at even a short distance, the innumerable loose stones and outcropping bits of native ledge look (as we can see for ourselves)

puzzlingly like sheep scattered over a hillside. You can see this shepherd at his task, on the hills where David long ago watched other flocks, if you use a stereograph entitled, *A Syrian Shepherd With His Flock in Amos' Home Country Near Tekoa*, a town in Judea situated on a hill 2,700 feet high.

### ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

#### Lesson Points

The neediest are always the most welcome in the presence of Jesus. v. 1.

Those who grudge the gospel to others have least of its spirit in their own hearts. v. 2.

Out of evil God is ever bringing good. v. 3.

God's persistent seeking of men is proof that He misses them. v. 4.

Christ finds the sinner when the sinner finds Christ. v. 5.

Before we can share with God the joy of finding, we must join with Him in the toil of seeking. v. 6.

Our return to God gives Him the highest

joy and secures our own eternal happiness. v. 7.

Every human being bears the divine image, which may be defaced, but can never be destroyed. v. 8.

The Holy Spirit, in the seeking of souls, employs the light of God's Word. v. 9.

There is no one whose salvation is impossible. v. 9.

#### Something to Look Up

1. Jesus says in another place that He came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Find His words.

2. "In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Where is this written?

ANSWERS, Lesson III.—(1) 2 Tim. 2 : 3.  
(2) John 16 : 33.