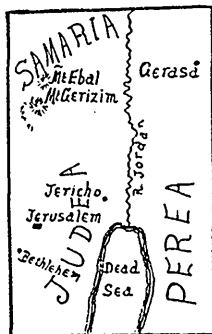


all his riches could hold it back for a moment. **Whose shall those things be.** Certainly they would not be his, for no possessions can be carried beyond the grave. "Shrouds have no pockets." **Layeth up treasure for himself**; keeping his gains wholly for his own selfish use instead of using them for God's cause and the good of others. **Not rich toward God**; rich in treasure laid up with God, that is, kind and unselfish deeds which God will never forget. Some think that the meaning is, rich in a way that pleases God, and others, rich in the glory of God, which earthly riches have been used to advance.

Jesus now speaks to His disciples, bidding them not to be anxious for their life in matters of food and clothing, since the life is greater than such things. God feeds the ravens and gives the lilies their beauty, and He surely will not do less for us. If we seek, first of all His kingdom, He will see that all our earthly needs are supplied. **Vs. 22-34.**

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



The wonderful ruins of JERASH, (Gerasa) 15 miles east of the Jordan, are believed to mark the site of the ancient Ramoth-Gilead (see Lesson VI.). The city stood in a lovely valley, and here and there may be seen beautiful, tall columns of carved stone in rows or groups, the remains of theatres and temples and other public buildings. In one spot sixty lofty columns still stand, forming the greater part

of a circle about what was once a magnificent paved market-place. Their summits are still connected by other stones so as to make a stately ring, high up in the air. The ring is broken now. The people of a modern town near by have carried off a good deal of stone to build their houses.

LESSON QUESTIONS

13 Who made a request of Jesus? What was the request? What was the law about the division of

inheritances? By what title did the man address Jesus? What does Paul teach about going to law? (1 Cor. 6 : 7.)

14, 15 How did Jesus discourage the man? What did He refuse to become? Against what did He warn the people? What is covetousness? By which Commandment is it forbidden? What does Paul say about the love of money? (1 Tim. 6 : 10.)

16, 17 What is a parable? How fertile was the soil of Palestine? What danger is there in riches? What are the chief grains of Palestine? How did the rich man show his forgetfulness of God? Who gives fruitful seasons? (Acts 14 : 17.)

18, 19 What did the rich man resolve to do? Describe Eastern barns. With what did the rich man seek to satisfy his soul? Why was this impossible?

20, 21 What did God say? Why was the rich man a fool? What could he not take with him? What does "rich toward God" mean?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Ought we to claim our rights?
2. Is it harder for a rich man than for a poor man to become a Christian?

A PRAYER

O God, Thou art our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Forgive us that we forget Thee so often and complain that we are forsaken. Make us conscious always of Thy presence. Teach us Thy power, and teach us that it is for us. Teach us also that Thy power is made known to us that we may make it known to others about us, for Thou lovest them without measure, even as Thou so lovest us. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That money is for doing good.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 82-87.

The Question on Missions—9. What is the advantage of the field worker's going to every School? He thus sees exactly what the needs are, and can be of greater help than he could be even by talking with the teachers if they come to meet him at some other place.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 80 (Supplemental Lesson), 191, 195, 108 (Ps. Sel.), 594 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 196.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What request was made to Jesus?.....

2. Why did He refuse this request?.....

3. What did He teach by means of a parable?.....

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