

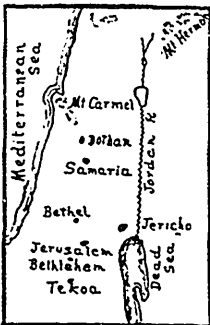
clothes ; in distress and alarm. **Seeketh a quarrel.** Such an impossible request could only be a pretext for renewing hostilities (compare 1 Kgs. 20 : 7).

**II. THE MIGHTY PROPHET.—8-10. Elisha . .** hoard ; in his house in Samaria. **Sent to the king ;** without fear. The prophets were not now in such peril as in Ahab's time. **Naaman came ;** as Jehoram had directed him. **Horses and . . chariots** (Rev. Ver.) ; a princely cavalcade bearing the splendid gifts of v. 5. **Stood at the door ;** waiting with the reverence due to so great a prophet. **Elisha sent a messenger.** He wished to prevent any thought of himself as the worker of the cure from coming into Naaman's mind : the power was all of God. **Wash in Jordan ;** more than 30 miles away. **Seven times.** The delay of the cure would be a test of faith. **Flesh shall come again.** The scaly, leprous scurf would fall off, revealing the clean flesh beneath.

Vs. 11-13 describe Naaman's anger at Elisha's requirement and how it was allayed by his attendants.

**III. A WONDERFUL CURE.—14. Dipped . .** in Jordan ; carrying out to the letter the bidding of the prophet, which was God's bidding. **Flesh . . like . . the flesh of a little child ;** fresh and sweet, all the defilement of leprosy cleansed as sin is washed away in the blood of Jesus.

## THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



Naaman's Syrian home was far to the northeast of Palestine. When he came, bringing a letter from his own king to the king of Israel, he and his attendants had to ford the Jordan somewhere between the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee ; there were at that time several practicable fords, though there were no bridges. The source of the Jordan is in Mount Hermon, 1,000 feet above sea level. When it

enters the Dead Sea, 104 miles to the south, it is 1,292 feet below the level of the sea. In springtime the river frequently overflows its banks, owing to the melting of the snow on Mount Hermon.

## LESSON QUESTIONS

1 What does Naaman's name mean ? What office did he hold ? How was he regarded by his king ?

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How did it happen that Naaman went to Israel to be cured ? .....

2. What did Elisha bid him do and what was the result of his obedience ? .....

SIGN NAME HERE .....

From what foe had he delivered his people ? Who had enabled him to do this ? With what disease was he afflicted ? By whose power alone could this disease be healed ?

2, 3 Who suggested a way in which Naaman might be cured ? How had this little maid been brought to Syria ? What was her employment ? How does Paul say servants should act towards their masters ?

4-7 Whom did the king of Syria ask to cure Naaman ? What presents were sent with Naaman ? What did the king of Israel think ?

8-10 What message did Elisha send to Jehoram ? How did the prophet receive Naaman ? What was the prophet's reason for acting in this way ? What did he tell him to do ? Describe Jesus' healing of ten lepers. (Luke 17 : 11-19.)

14 What was the result of Naaman's obedience ? What cleanses from sin ? (1 John 1 : 7.)

## FOR DISCUSSION

1. Which are the more likely to be happy, the great or the lowly ?

2. Is wealth a help or a hindrance to salvation ?

## A PRAYER

Lord, enable us to receive Thy word with meekness and reverence. May we not think of it as the word of men, but as the word of God which liveth and abideth forever. Let Thy truth be sharper than a two-edged sword, revealing to us our sin and our need of Thee, our king and our portion forever. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—*That God is a healer.*

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 32. *What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life ?*

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

The Question on Missions—3. How are the children of India being helped ? Through day and boarding schools, orphanages and industrial schools. Many children who would otherwise die of neglect, are gathered into the orphanages and cared for. In the industrial schools the boys and girls are taught various kinds of work by which they may be able to make their own living when they leave the schools.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 457 (Supplemental Lesson), 129, 148, 23 (Ps. Sel.), 167 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 151.