

Grieved; at not having received what he sought.

II A GREAT SAYING.—25-27. How hardly, etc.; an exclamation full of disappointment, and of pity for the young man. **Children**; an affectionate title which softened the sadness and sternness of our Lord's words. **Camel . . . through a needle's eye** (Rev. Ver.); an Eastern proverb for something impossible. Other like proverbs speak of an elephant passing through the eye of a needle and a camel dancing in a very small grain measure. **Astonished exceedingly** (Rev. Ver.). The Jews regarded riches as a sign of God's favor. If the rich are saved with difficulty, who then, ask the disciples, can be saved? **With men . . . impossible . . . possible with God** (Rev. Ver.). Salvation is God's work, and can never be too hard for Him.

III. A GREAT REWARD.—28-31. Peter; always foremost of the disciples in speech. **Lo, we have left all**; the Jewish religion, their homes and their daily work (see Luke 5 : 11). **For my sake, and the gospel's.** The sacrifices which Jesus values must be made for His sake and for the furthering of His kingdom. **An hundredfold now**; in the gladness of pleasing Jesus, in daily growing stronger and wiser, in the love of fellow disciples and in the hope of eternal joy in heaven. **First . . . last**; as was the case, for a time, with Peter, when he denied Jesus (ch. 14 : 66-72); and finally with Judas when he betrayed his Lord, ch. 14 : 10, 11. **Last first**; as when Saul the persecutor became the greatest apostle.

A BEDOUIN SHEIKH ON A JOURNEY

A photograph recently taken at the village of Bothphage, on the side of Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem, shows how men of importance in Palestine go on a journey. In the picture six or eight horsemen have made ready for riding out in state. The saddles are decorated with tasseled fringe, and the horses' coats shine with careful grooming. Long, loose robes of white are worn by the horsemen, but dark-colored cloaks largely cover them. A voluminous scarf of white linen or cotton is laid over each head, and is held in place by a coil of camels' hair, arranged like a bandeau. The fluttering folds of the scarf below the bandeau keep temples and neck protected from the burning sun, and frame, in a most picturesque way, the face of the rider. Each of the riders in the picture carries a long spear, more for ornament than service, though in olden times such spears did cruel service.

LESSON QUESTIONS

17 What had Jesus just been doing? Who came to Him? What was the young man's age? What position did he hold? How did he show his respect for Jesus? What form of address did he use? What question did he ask? What did he mean by "eternal life?" Where is eternal life said to be "the gift of God?" (Rom. 6 : 23.)

18-20 What reply did Jesus make? Explain our Lord's meaning. What did He bid the young ruler do? What was the answer given? Where does Paul say that he had been blameless as to the law? (Phil. 3 : 6.)

21, 22 How did Jesus feel towards the young ruler? What did He ask him to do? What is it to "take up the cross?" Tell about some people who gave up all their possessions for Christ's work. (Acts 4 : 34, 35.)

23-27 What did Jesus say to His disciples? What did they ask? Give Jesus' answer.

28-31 What did Peter ask? Give Jesus' reply.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is it required of all Jesus' followers to give up all their property for His cause?
2. Is it harder for a rich man than a poor man to be saved?

A PRAYER

We pray for a true sense of proportion, our Father. May we know the things that are worth most, and may we earnestly desire Thee. Teach us to seek first the kingdom of God. May we lay aside every hindrance, and press on to the mark for the prize of the high calling of God. Let it be our chief joy to revel in the only true riches, Thy word, Thy spirit, and fellowship with Thee, our king. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—*That money brings temptations.*

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 61—72.

The Question on Missions—12. What are the needs of our Honan Mission? It needs immediate reinforcements of 11 pastors, 7 doctors, 4 men and 3 women, and 6 single ladies for evangelistic work. It needs constantly our intelligent interest, sympathy and prayer. It needs the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise. Ps. Sel. 68 (Supplemental Lesson), 200, 210, 116 (Ps. Sel.), 235 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 205.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How did the ruler treat the requirement of Jesus?
2. What is Jesus' promise to those who make sacrifices for Him?

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