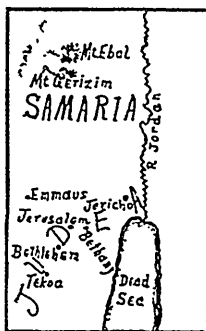


his mind and forsakes his evil ways, like the outcasts who were coming to Jesus. **Need no repentance**; or think that they need none, like the proud self-satisfied Pharisees.

II. THE LOST COIN.—8. What woman; not 'of you,' perhaps because no women were present; but men and women alike should be interested in the saving of sinners. **Ten pieces of silver**; coins (Greek drachmæ, each worth about sixteen cents), perhaps forming a string worn as a head ornament. **Lose one piece**; not worth much, but the tenth of what the woman possessed. **Light a lamp** (Rev. Ver.); because the house is dark; the houses of the poor in Palestine have no windows. **Sweep**. The floor might be of earth, covered with reeds or brushwood under which the coin would easily be hidden. **Until she find it** (Rev. Ver.); persevering until her search is successful.

9, 10. **Calloeth together her friends and neighbours** (Rev. Ver.); women naturally in this case. In an Eastern village, where there is little privacy, these would have known about the loss, and rejoice in the finding. **Joy in the presence of the angels**; God's overflowing joy seen by the angels and shared by them. **One sinner that repenteth**; so great is the value of such an one in God's sight.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



In the home country of Amos the prophet, near Tjekoa, Syrian shepherds may still be seen caring for their flocks. The pasturage is poor, and in order to get enough food, the flocks have to cover a good deal of ground, picking out edible bits of leafage as they go. It is a lonesome country,—all hills and valleys. The hollows are like great bowls with the blue sky for a cover. If a sheep should stray out of sight in a country

like this, it might take hours of searching to find it, for, at a distance, the loose stones and bits of ledge look puzzlingly like sheep scattered over a hillside.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Why did the Pharisees and scribes find fault with Jesus ?
2. In what two parables did He rebuke them ?
3. What do the parables teach about God's love for sinners ?

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LESSON QUESTIONS

1-3 Who were the publicans? Why were they hated amongst the Jews? Who were the sinners? What does the name Pharisee mean? Upon what did the Pharisees pride themselves? Who were the scribes? With what in Jesus did the Pharisees and scribes find fault? What Pharisee did Jesus rebuke for lack of love? (Ch. 7:36-50.)

4, 5 What do you know about sheep raising in Palestine? Explain "wilderness." From what would a lost sheep be in danger? How did the shepherd in the parable show his concern for the one lost sheep? Where does Jesus call Himself the "good shepherd"? (John 10:14.)

6, 7 Whom did the shepherd invite to share his joy? Of what is this joy a picture? What is it to repent? Explain "need no repentance."

8 What did the woman in the parable lose? What steps did she take to find it? How did she show her perseverance?

9, 10 Whom did she call to share her joy? Explain "in the presence of the angels."

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Were the publicans better than the Pharisees?
2. Is it true that "the greater the sinner the greater the saint?"

A PRAYER

O God, awaken in us the knowledge of our need of Thee. We are unsatisfied. We crave something, and we do not know what it is. Teach us that Thou art the satisfaction of all who seek Thee. Create soul-thirst for Thee in us, and in others about us. Use us to bring them to Thee. And glorify Thy name in us and in all Thy people everywhere. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That God loves sinners.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 88-90.

The Question on Missions—4. When was our Mission established in Honan? Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Goforth and Dr. and Mrs. J. Frazer Smith were sent out in 1888, and the first tour into Honan was made that year. In 1890 the city of Chu Wang was opened for missionary residence, Hsin Chen in 1891, and Changtse in 1895.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise. Ps. Sel. 68 (Supplemental Lesson), 443, 439, 68 (Ps. Sel.), 134 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 456.