

Elijah (1 Kgs. 19 : 9-13) to give comfort and strength. **Spirit . . . upon thee . . . upon them**; as if Moses had so much of the "spirit," that is, of wisdom and ability, that some could be taken from him and given to others. **Sanctify yourselves**; free yourselves from everything unclean according to the law. **Eat flesh**; and so their desire (v. 4) would be met. **Wept in the ears of the Lord**. Their complaint had been against Him, and with Him they would have to reckon.

**III. HELPERS QUALIFIED.**—24, 25. **Gathered seventy . . . elders . . . round about the Tent** (Rev. Ver.); the tent or tabernacle which had been constructed and set up at Sinai according to God's directions for His worship. **The Lord came down in the cloud** (Rev. Ver.); the cloud which came down upon the tabernacle when it was set up. When this cloud rose the Israelites marched and when it stood still they camped. (See Ex. 40 : 34-38.) **Spake unto him**; to assure Moses that he had God's power with him. Then the elders were given a share of Moses' spirit (see on v. 17). **Prophesied**; declared, in loud and ecstatic speech, their faith in God and praised Him. **Did so no more** (Rev. Ver.); but turned to their work as Moses' helpers.

Vs. 26-33 tell of Moses' refusing to rebuke the prophesying of two not belonging to the seventy, of the coming of the quails and the plague which afterwards came upon the people.

#### A DESERT SHEIKH

A desert sheikh or leader of to-day would be armed with a spear, and a sword, and dagger, but he would also have a pistol, or a musket, and would depend largely upon the latter now, though still having the other weapons of defence common to ancient times. A wandering Arab upon his fleet steed, brandishing his spear, is still a picturesque character when dashing across the arid desert. To this day he delights to carry a dagger, brandish his sabre, and twirl his spear. The spears used by the Arabs have handles about twelve feet long and nearly two inches in diameter. The head of the spear is of pointed steel or metal, sharpened on both sides like a dagger. Its head is about a foot long.

#### LESSON QUESTIONS

**10-12** Why were the people weeping? How did the ancient Hebrew family differ from ours? How general was the weeping? What is meant by "the anger of the Lord?" What was Moses' first mistake? Fied a great promise given to Paul of sufficient help. (2 Cor. 12 : 9.)

**13-15** What question did Moses ask? Where did Jesus' disciples ask a similar question? (Mark 8 : 4.) What second mistake did Moses make? Name a great prophet who expressed a similar desire. (1 Kgs. 19 : 4.)

**16-18** Show that God hears prayer. (Ps. 65 : 2.) Who were the "elders?" Who the "officers?" How many were appointed to help Moses? What command was given to the people? Against whom had they really complained?

**24, 25** Where were Moses' seventy helpers gathered together? Who came down to them? In what manner? What was "the cloud?" How were the seventy qualified for their work? What did they do first? Why did they cease doing this? How was the promise of "flesh" fulfilled? Vs. 26-33.

#### FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is it right to expect from God everything that we desire?
2. Is any one but ourselves responsible for our wrong-doing?

#### A LESSON FOR LIFE

"Down to the haven,  
Call your companions,  
Launch your vessel  
And crowd your canvas,  
And ere it vanishes  
Over the margin,  
After it, follow it,  
Follow the Gleam."

These lines of Tennyson's are worth storing in the memory. When it seems hard to follow the light that leads on in the path of duty, they will nerve and hearten us, and keep us from playing the craven part of the coward.

**Prove from Scripture**—That God promises to hear prayer.

**Shorter Catechism**—*Ques. 73. Which is the eighth commandment?* A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

**The Question on Missions**—(Fourth Quarter, KOREA THE CHO SEN LAND.)—1. When did our church begin work in Korea? After the death of our pioneer, Rev. W. J. McKenzie, who labored on the west coast, three missionaries were appointed in 1898, and our present field was assigned to them.

**Lesson Hymns**—Book of Praise, 129 (Supplemental Lesson), 263, 260, 22 (Ps. Sel.), 404 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 246.

#### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Why was Moses displeased?

2. What two mistakes did he make?

3. How was help provided for Him?