

v. 8). Sought to see Jesus; doubtless with a desire after a better life. Sycamore tree; a tree with a fig-like fruit. Its short trunk and wide-spreading branches would make it easy to climb.

5-10. Zacchæus. Jesus may have heard the name from the people. To-day . . . at thy house. Jesus had supernatural knowledge of Zacchæus' goodness of heart and so was sure of being kindly received. All murmured; even the Twelve, shocked at something which they thought improper. To lodge (Rev. Ver.); literally, "to loose one's garments and rest from a journey." A sinner; regarded as such simply because he was a publican. Half of my goods; not only half his income, but half of all his property. Taken . . . by false accusation; exacted unjustly in his office as a publican. Restore . . . fourfold; all that Moses' law required of a thief caught and punished (Ex. 22 : 1) and twenty times as much as was required in a case of voluntary restitution, Lev. 6 : 5 ; Num. 5 : 7. Salvation . . . to this house. What better proof could Zacchæus have given that he was saved? Son of Abraham; more like than the faultfinders to the great ancestor of the Jews. V. 10 describes Jesus' mission.

LESSON QUESTIONS

9, 10 To whom did Jesus speak the parable in the Lesson? Who, in the parable, went to pray? Whither did they go? Where is the temple called "an house of prayer for all people?" (Isa. 56 : 7.)

11, 12 What was the usual Jewish posture in prayer? What was the prayer of the Pharisee? Where is it said that "God resisteth the proud?" (James 4 : 6 ; 1 Pet. 5 : 5.)

13, 14 Where did the publican stand? Why? How did he show his sorrow for sin? Why would he not lift his eyes to heaven? What was his prayer? What was the result of it? What does "justified" mean? How are we justified? (Rom. 3 : 28.)

Ch. 19 : 1-4 Through what city was Jesus passing? Who wished to see Him? What were Zacchæus' difficulties? How did he overcome them?

5-10 What proof did Zacchæus give that he was saved? Whose son did Jesus say Zacchæus was?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can any one truly call himself righteous?
2. Is it difficult to come to Jesus?

A PRAYER

We thank Thee, Lord, that Thou dost inspire us to thoughts that are uplifting, to words that are true, to deeds that are helpful and loving. We praise Thee that thou dost give us strength to do the things whose possibility Thou dost make known to us. Forgive us when we come short. Give us courage to try again. And may we prove by our deeds that we are Thy children. Amen.

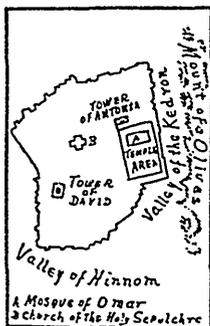
Prove from Scripture—That all men are sinners.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 51—60.

The Question on Missions—11. Tell about the present state of the church in Honan. About 3,000 Christians have been enrolled and are being trained in Christian truth, church officers have been appointed, and 8 self-supporting congregations established under Chinese pastors. A Chinese Presbytery has been organized, and a Theological College is being established.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise. Ps. Sel. 68 (Supplemental Lesson), 150, 155, 23 (Ps. Sel.), 151 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 168.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



On the hill in JERUSALEM there now stands a beautiful building of an unusual design,—it has eight sides, the outer walls being faced with slabs of marbles and beautifully colored tiles. The central section of the building is carried up in the form of a cylinder-shaped tower, capped with a magnificent dome. The building is called the Dome of the Rock or the Mosque of Omar. Directly under

the dome there is still to be seen the rock on which, in Jesus' time, the altar of burnt offering stood. This Mohammedan mosque has taken the place of the temple to which the Pharisee and publican, in our Lord's parable, went up to pray.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Give the prayers of the Pharisee and publican respectively
2. What were Zacchæus' hindrances in coming to Jesus and how did he overcome them?
3. How did Zacchæus show that he was saved?

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