

must see the reasonableness of what has come to him. Receivedst; "didst receive to the full." Thy good things. He had never sought any good things other than those of earth, and these he had kept to himself. Lazarus evil things. These were not his,—brought on by himself—but he had accepted them from God. He is comforted . . . thou . . . in anguish (Rev. Ver.). This reversing of conditions is clearly fair. Great gulf; a cleft or ravine, vast in depth, breadth and length,—a picture of the complete separation between paradise and Gehenna.

27-31. Five brethren . . . testify unto them; testify urgently, telling them what had come to their brother in the world beyond, with the authority of one who has seen. Moses and the prophets; the Jewish scriptures in their two main divisions. One . . . from the dead . . . repent. This is as much as to say that the rich man himself had not had a fair chance. Neither . . . persuaded, etc. "The man who is not persuaded by the gospel will not be persuaded by a ghost."

A VILLAGE SHEIKH

A picture of an Oriental sheikh or head man of a village shows a man of dark complexion and medium height, clothed in long flowing garments of the same fashion as those worn in Palestine in the days of our Lord. A loose undergarment of white cotton reaches nearly to the ground, visible at the neck and hem, but covered elsewhere by a robe of woolen stuff, woven in stripes. A short jacket is worn over the striped robe, and holds the robe in place with a broad belt or girdle. Over the whole is thrown a very long, full cloak of heavy wool. The head is protected by the swathing folds of a turban, a long strip of white cotton or linen wound so as to make a big soft cap of many thicknesses. An admirable guard against sunstroke.

LESSON QUESTIONS

19, 20 What is the "rich man" commonly called? What does this name mean? Explain "purple" and "fine linen." What does the name Lazarus mean?
21, 22 How are dogs regarded in the East? How did they add to Lazarus' misery? Why is nothing said of Lazarus' burial? Explain "Abraham's bosom." How would the burial of Dives differ from that of Lazarus? Where are the poor called "heirs of the kingdom?" (James 2: 5.)

23, 24 What two places does the term Hades include? To which does it specially refer here? By what title did Dives address Abraham? What is meant by "this flame?" Who will be condemned to everlasting fire? (Matt. 25: 41-43.)

25, 26 What did Abraham call Dives? What had Dives received on earth? What had Lazarus received? How had the conditions of the two men been reversed? How is the separation between paradise and Gehenna pictured?

27-31 What did Dives ask Abraham to do? What did Abraham reply? What did Dives next say? What did this imply concerning himself? Give Abraham's final reply.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Was Dives responsible for taking care of Lazarus?
2. Would people be more likely to heed an angel than a human preacher?

A PRAYER

Father in heaven, our hearts are filled with gratitude when we think that we are heirs of Thine, co-heirs of Thy Son Jesus Christ. May our joy, as we realize this, be so great that we will forget privation and difficulty and danger. May we be content and cheerful, and may our lives show that we really believe that only those can be happy whose lives are yielded to Thee. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—*That God cares for the poor.*

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 93. Which are the sacraments of the New Testament? A. The sacraments of the New Testament are, Baptism, and the Lord's supper.

The Question on Missions—7. How is the medical work carried on? Hospitals have been opened at Changte, Weihwei, Hwai King, and Wu An, where, in dispensary, chapel and hospital ward, the gospel message is proclaimed. There are at present only 5 doctors,—4 men and 1 woman, for Honan's eight millions of people.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: Ps. Sel. 68 (Supplemental Lesson), 313, 320, 57 (Ps. Sel.), 455 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 306.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Describe the condition of Dives on earth.
2. What was the lot of Lazarus?
3. In what condition did each find himself in the other world?

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