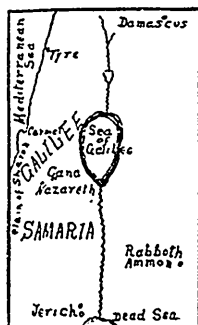


ordinary purposes and also for the temple sacrifices. Lost its savour (Rev. Ver.); spoiled through being kept, as it often was in houses with earthen floors. The genuine salt was washed out, leaving only other earthly ingredients behind. For the land, nor . . the dunghill; useless even for manure. So disciples who are unwilling to sacrifice self are useless.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



One of the towns east of the Jordan which Jesus probably visited was Rabbah, or, as it was called in Old Testament times, RAB-BATH-AMMON, because it belonged to the Ammonites. It was situated about 25 miles northeast of the north end of the Dead Sea, in a fruitful valley which forms the upper course of the river Jabbok. In the 3rd century B.C. it was captured by Ptolemy Philadelphus, king of Egypt,

and was named by him Philadelphia after himself. The original name, however, was never lost, and still appears in the modern name 'Amman.

LESSON QUESTIONS

35-37 Whither was Jesus journeying? By whom was He followed? What did He say was necessary in order to become His disciple? What was His meaning? What is it to bear one's cross? What is it to go after Jesus? What does Jesus promise to those who forsake all for Him? (Matt. 19 : 29.)

28-30 What was Jesus' first illustration of counting the cost of discipleship? For what purposes were towers built in the East? What would result from a man's being unable to finish his tower? What parable refers to a tower in a vineyard? (Matt. 21 : 33.)

31-33 What was Jesus' second illustration? To what may He have referred? What does Jesus require His disciples to forsake? What did He give up for us? (2 Cor. 8 : 9.)

34, 35 Where was the chief source of salt in Palestine? For what did the Jews use salt? How might salt lose its savor? What might then be said of it?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is it ever right to hate any one?
2. Does v. 33 require the actual giving up of all property?

A PRAYER

We thank Thee, Father, for the warnings contained in Thy word. Keep us from sin, by showing how hateful sin is to Thee, and how unsatisfying to those who choose it. May nothing keep us from Thee. As Thou hast chosen us, may we choose Thee, and continue to choose Thee, that our days may be filled with joy to ourselves and with blessing to others, because they reveal Thee. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That Christians belong to God.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 90. How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation? A. That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practise it in our lives.

The Question on Missions—3. Why should we carry the gospel to the heathen? Because they have little knowledge of the true God, and therefore worship idols. Their religions, Taoism, Confucianism and Buddhism, are unable to satisfy their souls' needs, nor do they furnish a power whereby they may overcome sin and live a pure life.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : Ps. Sel. 68 (Supplemental Lesson), 240, 238, 57 (Ps. Sel.), 154 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 245.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How did Jesus teach that His followers must love Him most of all?

2. What is meant by bearing one's cross?

3. What two illustrations did He use of counting the cost of discipleship?

4. To what did He liken disciples who are unwilling to sacrifice self?

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