

Miscellaneous.

THEMES FOR BIBLE READINGS.

1. NAMES OF POWER. Psa. xxiv. 8; lxii. 7; Rev. v. 5; John xx. 28; 1 Cor. i. 24.
2. DEEDS OF POWER. Luke iv. 14; Matt. iv. 23; Mark vi. 2; i. 34.
3. WORDS OF POWER. Jer. xxiii. 29; Luke xxiv. 19; Matt. vii. 28, 29; Luke iv. 32; Heb. iv. 12, 13.
4. TRIBUTES TO POWER. Rev. xix. 16; Psa. xxi. 13; Matt. viii. 27; xv. 31.
5. DIVINE POWER. Rev. xix. 16; Isa. ix. 6; 1 John v. 4; 1 Tim. iii. 16; Matt. i. 23.
6. PROMISES OF POWER. Matt. xxviii. 18; Rom. xvi. 20; John xvi. 33; 1 John iv. 4.
7. ENDURING POWER. Heb. i. 8; Matt. xxviii. 20; Isa. xl. 28; Rev. i. 8; Rom. viii. 38, 39.

Freeman: Fishing nets, 668; Scribes, 648.
Foster: 674, 676, 683, 711, 1868. *Prayer-Meeting Topic*: New peace and new power in the old Gospel. *Texts*: John xii. 22; Matt. xiii. 47; Luke xiv. 33; Mark vi. 2.

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LESSON III.—The Leper Healed.
 Mark i. 33-45.

GOLDEN TEXT: Matt. viii. 2.

Berean Notes.

I. GENERAL STATEMENT.

After the incidents of the last lesson Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law; made his first general circuit of Galilee; preached his sermon on the mount; performed the miracle of the "draught of fishes," and near Capernaum healed the leper.

II. HOW TO TEACH THIS LESSON.

Have members of the class turn to the following passages, and comparing them, find out all they can about the miracle: Matt. viii. 2-4; Mark i. 40-45; Luke v. 12-16. *Where? When?* How is the leper described? What posture did he assume when he came to Jesus? What did he say? What did Jesus both do and say? How is the cure stated by each evangelist?

By the aid of the following words give the lesson in the exact language of Scripture:

- 23.....Said...go...towns...preach...therefore...
 39.....preached.....Galilee...devils.
 40.....leper... kneeling.....If.....make.....
 41.....moved.....put.....him.....saith.....

- 42.....Soon.....spoken.....leprosy.....he.....
 43.....Straitly.....forthwith.....away.
 44.....See.....man.....way.. priest...cleansing...
 45.....out.....publish.....blaze... city.....

III. OUTLINES.

See "Leaf," page 165. Or, 1. The Large Circuit, vers. 38, 39; 2. The Lamentable Case, ver. 40; 3. The Lord's Compassion, ver. 41; 4. The Leper's Cleansing, ver. 42; 5. The Legal Cleansing, ver. 42.

IV. NOTES AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

1. A POOR LEPER, vers. 33-40. Met while on a tour of preaching. The man who sets out faithfully to preach the Gospel will fall in with people enough who need and who desire it. NEXT TOWN. In Greek a rare word. It means a small place between a city and a village. Towns are full of sin. They need a faithful Gospel. PREACH. "Make proclamation." A herald crying out. FOR THEREFORE. This his one great work. CAST OUT DEVILS. He saw the bondage men were in to Satan and his kingdom. Christ had a warfare against the "wicked spirits," as well as against wicked men. Evil spirits had great power in those days over men. A LEPER. See *Concordance*. Study Leviticus 13. Examine cases of Moses, Exod. iv., 6, 7; Miriam, Num. xii.; Naaman, 2 Kings v. A disease quite common among the Jews. Believed to be incurable except by divine power. A type of sin. See *English Teacher's Notes*.

.. In 1863 the Writer was in Jerusalem. A French physician who had been sent out to investigate the leprosy, and who had been residing for that purpose in the "Lepers' Quarter," had lately died. The American Consul was very careful to warn every one against going too near the lepers.

.. The following graphic account of the lepers by Dr. Wm. M. Thomson may be read in the class: "Sauntering down the Jaffa road, on my approach to the Holy City, in a kind of dreamy maze, with, as I remember, scarcely one distinct idea in my head, I was startled out of my reverie by the sudden apparition of a crowd of beggars, 'sans eyes, sans nose, sans hair, sans every thing.' They held up toward me their handless arms, unearthly sounds gurgled through throats without palates; in a word, I was horrified.

.. "The lepers, when not obliged to live outside the city, have a separate abode assigned to them, and they are shunned as unclean and dangerous. No healthy person will touch them, eat with them, or use any of their clothes or utensils, and with good reason. The leper was required by Moses to