

What did Israel do with Ammon later? (2 Sam. 11. 1.)

## 2. The Lord's Battle against Syria, v. 15-19.

What did the Syrians do after this first defeat?  
What allies did they summon?  
Where did the army gather?  
What leader had charge?  
What did David at once do?  
What was the result of the battle?  
How many Syrians were slain?  
What did the dependents of Syria do?  
What did the Syrians fear to do?  
What may all to whom the Lord has given victory say? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

### Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. To plan for victory?
2. To work for victory?
3. To trust God for victory?

### QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

#### 1. Verses 8-14.

8. Where was this battle fought? By whom were the Ammonites aided? How did Joab secure an advantage over them?

9. What was the plan of battle chosen by the enemy? How did Joab arrange his forces?

10. State what you know of Abishai.

11. What agreement did Joab make with Abishai?

12. Why was great courage needed? What would make the Hebrew soldiers brave? Did Joab count upon God's aid?

13. Which branch of the armies was the first to flee?

14. What caused the Ammonites to give up the fight? Why did Joab not follow up the victory?

#### 2. Verses 15-19.

15. What did the Syrians do after their defeat?

16. What led Hadarezer to engage in the conflict?

17. Why did David go with the army in person? Where was the battle fought? Name some of the results that followed this great victory. What became of the alliance between the Syrians and the Ammonites?

### Teachings of the Lesson.

A suspicious spirit will cause us to injure our friends. It takes courage to be faithful to do hard things and suffer painful ones. For love of country and home and life people will do and dare. Our chief reliance should be upon God. It takes bitter experience to teach some people wisdom. Ruin will be the fate of all who oppose Christ and his cause. Are we on the safe and winning side?

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who were the Ammonites? A heathen people.

What did David do when their king died?

Why did he do this?

What does this show in David? A kind and faithful heart.

How did the new king treat David's servants?

To what did this lead?

What does this teach us? How wrong it is to think evil.

Who came to help the Ammonites?

Who was the captain of the Israelites?

What kind of a man was he?

Who won the first battle which was fought?

What did the enemy then try to do?

Who went out to battle this time?

What was the result?

Why did the Lord help David fight?

What battle have we to fight?

Who will fight for us?

What have we to do? Trust the Lord and do right.

### Where are My Enemies?

In my own heart and all about me.

They will conquer me if I do not conquer them.

God will help me fight if I look to him.

### LESSON OUTLINE.

#### The Requirements of God's Warfare.

#### I. ABLE LEADERS.

Joab saw....he chose. v. 8, 9.

Look ye out....men. Acts 6. 3.

A wise master-builder. 1 Cor. 3. 10.

#### II. CHOSEN WARRIORS.

All the choice men. v. 9, 10.

Chosen us in him. Eph. 1. 4.

From the beginning. 2 Thess. 2. 13.

#### III. MUTUAL HELPFULNESS.

Help me....help thee. v. 11.

With one mind striving together. Phil. 1. 27.

One body in Christ. Rom. 12. 5.

#### IV. COURAGE.

Be of good courage. v. 12.

Be strong in the Lord. Eph. 6. 10.

Quit you like men. 1 Cor. 16. 13.

#### V. FAITH.

The Lord do....good. v. 12.

Trust in the Lord. Psalm 73. 3.

The victory....faith. 1 John 5. 4.

#### VI. PERSISTENCE.

They gathered....David gathered. v. 15-19.

Keepeth....unto the end. Rev. 2. 26.

Endureth....saved. Matt. 10. 22.

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