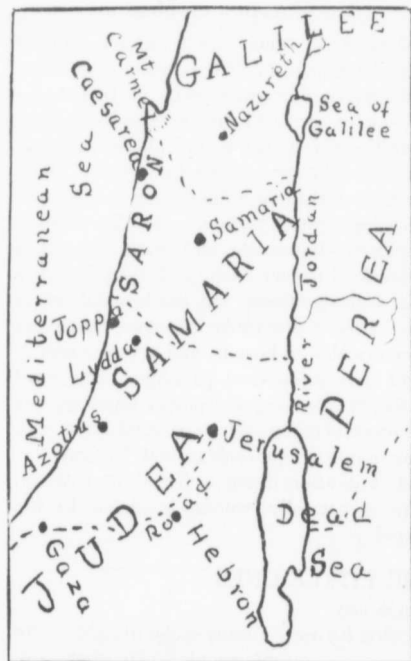


dents. They came to inspect Philip's work. Have the scholars tell about the imparting of the Holy Spirit to these new converts. God's Spirit comes upon and into all who are worthy of Him, whatever be their race, language, color, or condition in life: make this emphatic. It cuts the very nerve of missionary effort if we fancy that the blessings of the gospel are for us, and not equally for all men.

*The man who thought God's gift could be bought with money, vs. 18-24.* Have the class give the details. Show that we share Simon's error, when we think that money will give true happiness.

*Philip's work followed up.* He opened the way for the apostles themselves, v. 25. "Door-openers", would be a good topic to discuss with the class, as a closing exercise.

### THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



The ancient city of Samaria stood in a commanding position, looking northward to the great plain of Esdraelon, and westward to the Mediterranean. The site is occupied by the modern village of Sebastieh, lying at the eastern end of the terraced hill of Samaria, now partially cultivated and covered with olive groves. The old city wall can be traced for most of its course, following irregularly the contour of the hill, and there are remains of the west gate. From this gate the Street of Columns, 50 feet wide, ran along the south side of the hill to the east gate, which has disappeared. The columns, many of which still remain, date from the time of Herod the Great. Another group of columns in the village is supposed to be the remains of a temple built by Herod. Herod did much to beautify the place, said in his time to have had a circumference of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and named it Sebaste (the Greek for Augusta), in honor of the Emperor Augustus, a name which has survived in the modern Sebastieh. The village also contains the ruins of a fine church built over the traditional tomb of John the Baptist.

### ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

#### Some Test Questions

1. Which of the deacons carried the gospel to Samaria? By what was his preaching accompanied? How was his message received by the Samaritans?
2. What sorcerer professed to believe? By what means had he kept the people of Samaria in dread of himself?
3. Where had the apostles remained? Whom did they now send to Samaria?

4. For what did the two apostles pray on behalf of the Samaritan believers?
5. In what sense had these already received the Holy Spirit? What did they now receive?
6. By what outward sign was the coming of the Holy Spirit pictured?
7. What was the nature of Simon's faith? By what means did he think that the disciples performed their wonders? On what terms did he imagine they would share their power?
8. What word comes from Simon's act?
9. What was Peter's answer? What did he bid Simon do?