

the lesson of the second feeding of the multitude as completely as the first; so He recalls both. He said; kept repeating. Matt. 16:12 adds, that the disciples came to understand what Jesus meant by the leaven. (See that passage.)

II. SEEKERS REWARDED.—22, 23. To Bethsaida; probably Bethsaida Julias on the northeastern shore of the lake. **A blind man;** blindness, caused by climate and unsanitary modes of life, is common in the East. **Out of the town;** Jesus again chooses to perform His miracle apart. **Spit...put his hands;** again uses visible means rather than bare command.

24-26. I see men. Possibly he had not been born blind. He had an idea of the appearance of trees and men. **As trees, walking;** motion suggests men, blurred bulk suggests trees. **Made him look up;** Rev. Ver., "he looked steadfastly", literally, "looked through", as through mist. Clearly; word conveys idea of distance. **Sent him away to his house;** to prevent excitement in Bethsaida.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



The word BETHSAIDA means "fisher home." Bethsaida's exact site is not known. It lay somewhere on the north of the Sea of Galilee on the east bank of Jordan. Not far from here Jesus had fed the five thousand (Mark 6:44, 45). It was upon this city, along with Chorazin and Capernaum, that Jesus pronounced His woes (Matt. 11:21, 23), because in them He had done most of His mighty works, and they had not

repented. It was to be judged by its opportunities.

LESSON QUESTIONS

11-13 What do the Pharisees ask for in this Lesson? With what object in view? How did Jesus show His emotion? What did he do with their request? How does He leave them?

14-21 What had the disciples overlooked? How much provision had they? Against what leaven does Jesus warn His disciples? Of what did the disciples think this a warning? How do they come to understand it?

22-26 To what place did they now come? Who was brought to Him there? What did Jesus first do? With what result? What was the second step in the cure? What command did Christ give the man? Why?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Would a miracle wrought now be more convincing than is the record of the Bible miracles?

2. Is an instantaneous blessing (say in conversion) any better than a gradual one?

A LESSON FOR LIFE

The soldiers of Alexander, in besieging Tyre, had great rocks rolled on them; but they dreaded most the sand heated to whiteness which was thrown on them. It got, unnoticed, between the joints of the armor and burned to the bone. Leaven is small, and yet it works great things unnoticed in the meal. Jesus warns us against sins like pride, selfishness, worldliness. They seem little sins. They enter unnoticed, yet they affect life to its very centre.

Prove from Scripture—That believers are children of light.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 33. What is justification? A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

The Question on Missions—5. Why does the Presbyterian Church in Canada support these schools? Our church supports her schools at Kenora, Portage la Prairie, Birtle, Crowstand, Round Lake, File Hills, Alberni, and Ahoushat, because she believes it the best means to rear pagan Indian children as loyal Canadian Christians.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 195 (Supplemental Lesson); 47; 95; 115 (Pa. Sel.); 376 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 164.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What does the leaven of the Pharisees mean?

2. The leaven of Herod?

3. What had the disciples forgotten beside bread?

4. Tell something of Bethsaida.