PAUL A PRISONER-BEFORE FELIX Lesson III

BETWEEN THE LESSONS—The Lesson follows unmediately used that for last Sablath.

GOLDEN TEXT-Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.—Acts 24: 16.

Memorize vs. 25, 26, THE LESSON PASSAGE-Acts 24 : 10-27. Study Acts 24.

10¹ Then Paul, after that the governor had bee-koned unto him to speak,² answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do ³ the m.c. cheerfully answer for

this nation, 1 = 0 the ansatz understand, that 11^4 Because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up ³ to Jeru'salem for to worship. 12 And they neither found me in the temple dis-temple distribution of the set o

puting with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city : 13 Neither can they prove ⁶ the things whereof they

13 Neither can they prove ⁶ the things whereof they now accuse me. 14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the 7 way which they call ⁶ heresy, so ⁹ worship I the God of ¹⁰ my fathers, believing all things which are ¹¹ written in the law and in the prophets: 15 And have hope toward God, which ¹² they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection ¹³ of the dead, both of the just and unjust. 16 ¹⁴ And herein do I exercise myself, to have ¹⁵ always a conscience void of offence toward God, and ¹⁶ toward men. ¹⁷ Now after many years I came to bring alms to

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1/ Now after many years 1 came to bring must to my nation, and offerings. 18 ¹⁷ Whereupon certain Jews from A'sia found me purified in the temple, ¹⁸ neither with multitude, nor

19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and 19 object, if they had ²⁰ ought against me.

20 Or else let these ²¹ same here say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before the council.

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council. 21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question ²² by you this day. 22 ²³ And when Fe'lix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of *that* way, he deferred them, ²⁴ and said, When Lys'nas the chief captain shall come down, I will ²⁵ know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he 26 commanded a centurion to keep Paul and to let him have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

24 ²⁷ And after certain days, ²⁵ when Fc'lix came with his wife Drusil'la, which was a Jew'ess, ²⁹ he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in ³⁰ Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of rightcousness, ³¹ tem-perance, and ³² judgment to come, Felix ³³ trembled, and answered. Go thy way for this time ; ³⁴ when I have a convenient season, I will call ³⁴ for the.

26 He hoped ³³ also that money ³⁵ should have been given him of Paul, ³⁷ that he might loose him : wherefore ³⁸ he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

27 But³⁹ after two years Por'cius Fes'tus came into Fe'lix' room : and Fe'lix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

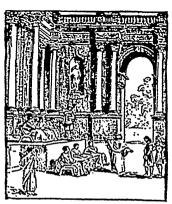
1º object, if they had ²⁰ ought against me. pleasure, left Paul bound. Bevised Version - And when the governor; ² Paul; ³ cheerfully make my defence; ⁴ seeing that thou canst take knowledge, that it is not more than twelve; ⁵ to worship at Jersualem: and neither in the temple did they find me disputing with any man or stirring up a crowd, nor in the synagogues; ⁶ to thee; ⁷ Way (large W); ⁸ a sect; ⁹ serve; ¹⁰ our; ¹¹ according to the law, and which are written in the prophets: ¹⁶ having hope; ¹³ these also themselves look for; ¹³ Omut of the dead; ¹⁴ Herein do I also; ¹⁵ Omit always; ¹⁵ men alway; ¹¹ unidst which they found; ¹⁵ with no crowd, nor yet with tumult: but there were certain gray for Msia - who ought; ¹⁵ Defore; ²⁶ But Felix, having more exact knowledge concerning the Way; ²⁴ saying; ²⁶ determine your matter; ²⁶ gave order to the centurion, that he should be kept in charge, and should have indulgence; and not to forbid any of his friends to minister unto him; ²⁷ But; ²⁸ Omit when; ²⁹ ought; ²¹ mee unto him; ²³ dowit would be given; ²⁹ Omit when; ²⁹ ownit when given is ³⁰ of the words; ³⁴ also; ³⁵ when two years were fulfilled, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, and desiring to gain favour with the Jews, Felix left Paul in bonds. Datus ReadIngs-(Courtesy, LR RA)—M-Paul before Felix Acte 24: 1-16. T—Paul before Felix.

Daily Readings-(Courtesy, I.B.R.A.)-M.-Paul before Felix, Acts 24: 1-16. T.-Paul before Felix. Acts 24 : 17-27. W.-Reference to the journey, Rom. 15 : 17-27. Th.-A good conscience, Heb. 13 : 13-21. F.-"Void of offenco", 2 Cor. 4: 1-7. S.-Promise of help, Isa. 41: 8-14. 8.-A bold face, Isa. 50: 5-11.

Paul was charged before Felix with : (1) " sedition " (v. 5), that is, stirring up rebellion against the Roman Government: (2) " heresy " (v. 14), or opposition to the Jewish religion ; (3) sacrilege (v. 6). in attempting to " profane the temple", vs. 1-9.

I. A COMPLETE DENIAL. Then Paul . . an--10, 11. swered ; the accusations of his enemies (see above). Many years a judge; about five years. Part of Felix' duties was to act as judge. This nation ; the Jews. Cheerfully make my defence (Rev. Ver.) ; because Felix, from his long residence amongst the Jews, would fully understand the case. Twelve days ; and Felix could

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casily find out all that Paul had been doing during that short time. Worship (Rev. Ver.). A complete answer to all three charges,-reverence, not rebellion ; obedience to the laws of Moses, not heresy ; worship, not. profanity.

12, 13. Neither in the temple (Rev. Ver.). See ch. 21: 26. Disputing ; arguing with the Jews. Stirring up a crowd (Rev. Ver.). It was the Jews themselves who had done this, ch. 21: 27. Synagogues : Jewish places of worship, of which there were great numbers in Jerusalem. Neither can they prove, etc. To fling about wild accusations is one thing ; to back them up by solid

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