

THE APOSTLES TURNING TO THE GENTILES.

Nov. 27.

A. D. 46.

Lesson, Acts 13 : 44 : 14 : 7.

Golden Text, Acts 13 : 47.

Memory vs. 46-48.

Catechism Q. 105.

Helps in Studying.

Envy—Revised version, "jealousy." *Necessary*—God's plan required it. Luke 24 : 17. *Judge yourselves unworthy*—By their actions they had passed sentence upon themselves. *Iconium*—Ninety miles south-east from Antioch. Ch. 14 : 1. *Greeks*—Not Greek speaking Jews, but Gentiles. *The brethren*—The new converts, whether Jews or Gentiles. *Long time*—Probably several weeks, perhaps months. *An assault*—A plan or purpose to assault. *Lystra*—A city of Lycaonia, forty miles north of Iconium. *Derbe*—About twenty miles from Lystra.

QUESTIONS.

Introductory—What is the title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *Rejected by the Jews*, vs. 44-47.—Who came together on the next Sabbath? How did this affect the Jews? What did they do? How did Paul and Barnabas meet this opposition? What did they say? What had the Lord set them to be?

II. *Received by the Gentiles*, vs. 48-52.—How did the Gentiles feel when they heard this? What was the effect of the preaching? What success had the Gospel in Pisidia? What did the Jews now do? With what effect? To what city did Paul and Barnabas go? In what state of mind did they leave the Pisidian Christians?

III. *Driven from Iconium*, Ch. 14 : 1-7.—What did Paul and Barnabas do in Iconium? What effect did their preaching produce? What other effect followed their preaching? What plot was formed? How did the missionaries escape? What did they do then?

PRACTICAL LESSONS LEARNED.

1. God never turns away from any until they first turn away from Him.
2. Those who reject Christ show themselves unworthy of salvation.
3. The Gospel will either make men better or worse—will be a savor of life or death to every one that hears it.

There is a point, we know not when,
A place, we know not where,
That turns the destiny of men
To glory or despair.

WORK AMONG THE GENTILES.

Dec. 4.

A. D. 46.

Lessons, Acts 14 : 8-22.

Golden Text, Matt. 12 : 21.

Memory vs. 8-10.

Catechism Q. 106.

Helps in Studying.

Barnabas—Who was large and of commanding presence. *Jupiter*—The chief of the heathen gods. *Paul*—Who was small, but eloquent. *Mercurius*—The messenger of Jupiter and the god of eloquence. *Oxen*—For sacrifice. *Garlands*—With which to decorate the victims. *Vanities*—Vain and false gods. *The living God*—In contrast with dumb idols. *Witness*—Proof of His power, wisdom and goodness. *Draw*—Revised version, "dragged." 2 Cor. 11 : 25. *Derbe*—Twenty miles away, the eastern limit of this first missionary tour.

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I. *Worshipped by the People*, vs. 8-13.—What miracle did Paul work at Lystra? How did it affect the people? Which of the gods did they suppose Paul and Barnabas to be? What did the priests of Jupiter do?

II. *Preaching to the People*, vs. 14-18.—When the missionaries heard of this what did they do? How did they describe the true God? What had God permitted in time past? In what three things had He given witness of Himself? What effect had these words?

III. *Persecuted by the People*, vs. 19-22.—Who came to Lystra? What did they persuade the people to do? In what condition did they leave Paul? What happened afterward? Where did Paul and Barnabas next go? What did they do in Derbe? Whither did they return? What did they do on this return journey?

PRACTICAL LESSONS LEARNED.

1. God has given proofs of His power, wisdom, and goodness in His works.
2. He has come down to us as the Lord Jesus Christ in the likeness of man.
3. He is to be loved, honored and worshipped as the Lord our Saviour.

He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed.