

Acts 9 : 32-43. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 100 : 2.

Golden Text—In all things shewing thyself an ensample of good works.—Titus 2 : 7 (Rev. Ver.).

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the body said, Tab'itha, arise. And she opened her eyes : and when she saw Pe'ter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Jop'pa ; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Jop'pa with one Si'mon a tanner.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Peter was one of Jesus' disciples who was a very great preacher. He traveled all over the country preaching about Jesus. One day he came to a town named Lydda, where some followers of Jesus lived. One of these was an old man named Æneas, who had been sick in bed for eight years, with a disease called palsy, which made him quite helpless.

Peter went to see the old man, and said, "Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee well ; arise, and make thy bed." And immediately Æneas got up. He was cured at that moment. When the people in the town saw that Æneas was cured, many of them became followers of Jesus.

32 And it came to pass, as Pe'ter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came down also to the saints which dwelt in Lyd'da.

33 And there he found a certain man named Æne'as, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34 And Pe'ter said unto him, Æne'as, Je'sus Christ maketh thee whole : arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lyd'da and Sar'on saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Jop'pa a certain disciple named Tab'itha, which by interpretation is called Dor'cas : this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died : whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lyd'da was nigh to Jop'pa, and the disciples had heard that Pe'ter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Pe'ter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber : and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dor'cas made, while she was with them.

40 But Pe'ter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed ; and turning *him* to

Not very far from Lydda there was another town, which was on the sea shore. The name of this town was Joppa. Here lived a very good woman named Tabitha. Dorcas was another name by which she was known. Dorcas was very kind to the poor and sick and any one in trouble. She was always doing kind deeds, sewing for the poor with her own hands, and the people all loved her. But sad to say, one day Dorcas was taken sick. She grew worse and worse, and at last she died. Her friends laid her body in an upper room ready to be buried.

There was great sorrow in Joppa that day "How this good woman will be missed !"

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