

**THE ROAD TO YESTERDAY.**

WILL some wise man who has journeyed  
Over land and over sea,  
To the countries where the rainbow  
And the glorious sunsets be,  
Kindly tell a little stranger,  
Who has oddly lost her way,  
Where's the road that she must travel  
To return to Yesterday?

For, you see, she's unfamiliar  
With To-Day, and cannot read  
What its strange, mysterious sign-posts  
Tell of ways and where they lead;  
And her heart upbraids her sorely,  
Though she did not mean to stay  
When she fell asleep last evening  
And abandoned Yesterday.

For she left a deal neglected  
That she really should have done,  
And she fears she lost some favours  
That she fairly might have won  
So she'd like to turn her backward  
To retrieve them if she may—  
Will not some one kindly tell her  
Where's the road to Yesterday?

**LESSON NOTES.**

**SECOND QUARTER.**

**STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.**

**LESSON VI. [May 9.]**

**PAUL PREACHING TO THE JEWS.**

Acts 13. 26-39. Memory verses, 38, 39.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Through this man is preached unto you  
the forgiveness of sins.—Acts 13. 38.

**OUTLINE.**

1. The Saviour, v. 26-31.
2. The Promises, v. 32-37.
3. The Gospel, v. 38, 39.

**THE LESSON STORY.**

After Saul began his missionary journeys he was no longer called Saul, but Paul. Perhaps this was because Paul was a Roman name, and now he was a preacher to the Romans and other Gentiles.

After Paul and Barnabas had left Perga they went to Pisidia (see if you can find it on the map), and at last came to a large city on the top of a low hill. This was Antioch in Pisidia. On the Sabbath day they went to the synagogue. There were Jews in the synagogue, and Gentiles who had given up the worship of idols. They asked Paul and Barnabas to preach, and Paul rose up and began the story that he loved to tell. You know that it was about Jesus and the salvation he came to bring, and he told both Jews and Gentiles that this salvation was sent to them. He told how Jesus, the Saviour, was put to death by the Jews, and how he rose from the dead, and now offered forgiveness of sins to all who would believe in him.

Many of the Gentiles believed, but the Jews were angry and treated the apostles so badly that they had to go away and leave them in their darkness and unbelief.

**LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.**

- Mon.* Read the first part of Paul's sermon. Acts 13. 16-26.
- Tues.* Read the lesson verses. Acts 13. 26-39.
- Wed.* Learn what is true for us also. Golden Text.
- Thur.* Find how the Gospel stirred hearts. Verse 44.
- Fri.* Learn what the apostles found true. 2 Tim. 3. 12.
- Sat.* Learn a beautiful truth for us. Verse 39.
- Sun.* Find why the apostles were glad. Matt. 5. 12.

**QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.**

By what name was Paul called now? Where did the apostles go next? Were Paul and Barnabas among the twelve apostles? Why then are they called apostles? Because they were sent out by the Holy Ghost. Where did they go on the Sabbath? What were they asked to do? Who heard them preach? What made the Jews angry with Paul? Because he preached Jesus. By what did they think they were justified? By the law. Whom did Paul teach could save them? Jesus. What did the Jews do? Did they leave any Christians at Antioch? Verse 48.

**GOOD NEWS FOR ALL.**

Jesus died for our sins.  
He rose again for our justification.  
By him "all that believe" may be saved.

**LESSON VII. [May 16.]**

**PAUL PREACHING TO THE GENTILES.**

Acts 14. 11-22. Memory Verses, 21, 22.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles.—Acts 13. 47.

**OUTLINE.**

1. False Worshipers, v. 11-13.
2. Faithful Witnesses, v. 14-18.
3. Faithful Workers, v. 19-22.

**THE LESSON STORY.**

Paul and Barnabas went next to a city sixty miles from Antioch, called Iconium. They stayed a long time and preached the Gospel, but the angry Jews at last made a plan to stone them. So they went away to a town called Lystra. The people here had taken Jupiter for their god. They had built him a grand temple, and they placed in it an ivory image of Jupiter, and worshipped it.

There was a poor cripple in Lystra whom Paul healed, and when the people saw it they cried out that the gods had come down to them. They called Barnabas Jupiter, because he was a large, fine-looking man. Paul was the one who preached the most, and they called him Mercury. The apostles did not understand what they were

saying or they would have told them they were not gods. So they were surprised and troubled when they found the people coming to offer sacrifices to them. They ran into the crowd and told who they were and what they had come for, but they could scarcely make the people give up their evil plan.

But soon some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and set the people against the apostles. Then they wanted to kill them, and they actually stoned Paul and left him for dead. But God raised him up, and the next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe. When they had preached the Gospel there they went to Lystra and Iconium and Antioch, to urge the Christians in those cities to be faithful to Jesus.

**LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.**

- Mon.* Read about the cripple in Lystra. Acts 14. 8-10.
- Tues.* Read what followed in the lesson verses. Acts 14. 11-22.
- Wed.* Find how Paul was fulfilling God's plan for him. Golden Text.
- Thur.* Find another time when Paul was called a god. Acts 28. 6.
- Fri.* Find whom an angel said should be worshipped. Rev. 19. 10.
- Sat.* Learn to whom all honour belongs. Rev. 7. 9-12.
- Sun.* Read what Paul bore for Jesus' sake. 2 Cor. 11. 24-28.

**QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.**

Where did Paul and Barnabas go from Antioch? Why did they have to flee from there? Where did they go then? Whom did the people of Lystra worship? What was Jupiter? A heathen god. What miracle did Paul work? What did the people say? What did they do? Why would not the apostles be worshipped? [See Helps for Saturday.] Who was the god Mercury? The god of fine speaking. What soon changed their minds toward the apostles? What did they feel like doing then? What did they actually do? Who saved Paul from death? Where did they next go? Why did they go back to the places they had visited before?

**LEARN—**

Not to be too easily influenced.  
To be patient with people who do wrong.  
To be brave and loving in time of trial.

**THE SQUIRREL'S HOUSE.**

The squirrel's house has a long hall and ever so many pantries. Each pantry holds a different thing; one acorns, another nuts, another corn, another chestnuts. Why, the squirrel must be rich, for your mamma cannot afford a pantry for each thing!

But then the squirrel's house is in a tree, and perhaps her pantries are smaller than yours. What do you think?