

is so full of joy and of possibility. Not only is it for salvation for yourself, but that you should be a light for salvation unto the ends of the earth. This was said of Jesus, but he says of us, "Ye are the light of the world;" "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." He transfers the glory of service to us who are saved. Your personal message is, "I have set thee to be a light for salvation unto the ends of the earth;" to shine where you live, and far away in the dark corners of the earth. Most sweet it will be to have the Lord Jesus place you among those who shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of the Father, and those who shine as the stars forever and ever. Glad will you then be that ever you were called to be a light for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

The Teachers' Meeting.

Study the geography of the lesson. A map is a necessity, but one carefully drawn with chalk on the blackboard or with pencil on the slate is quite as serviceable as a printed one, especially if each of the teachers or each member of the class can be induced to draw it.... Study from commentaries and dictionaries the characteristics of each of the towns mentioned in this lesson and the context.... Study the messengers: The characteristics of Barnabas, of Paul, of Mark.... Study the opportunity: The Sabbath day, the Lord's house, a congregation made up of Jews who were masters of Bible texts, of Gentiles who were students of Bible meaning, of pagans to whom the Bible was a new thing—all listening to men who told the simple story of Jesus, an argument from the Old Testament Scriptures.... Study the message. We have just defined it, but we learn from this lesson that it was boldly given by the command of God, rejected by some and glorified by others.... Review the narrative of the last lesson.... This passage suggests a study of ways of treating the Gospel—some receive it, live in it, and are filled with courage and joy. Others reject it, live without it, and are filled with jealousy and slander.... Persecution and evil speaking endured for Christ's sake bring grace and blessing.... The Gospel: (1) Awakens interest (verse 44); (2) Divides the hearers (verses 45, 48); (3) Arouses bitter enmity (verse 45); (4) Awakens faith (verse 48); (5) Calls forth persecution (verse 50); (6) Calls forth courage (verse 46).... The Jews could expel the preachers from their city, but they could not eject the truth from the hearts of the people.

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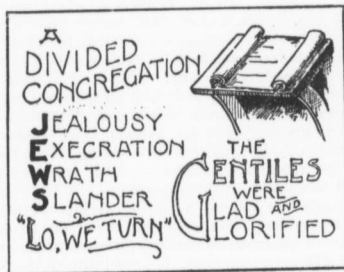
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Verse 47.—*The Homiletic Review*, vol. xxv, page 70.

Verse 49.—Spurgeon, *Sermons*, vol. i, page 321.

Blackboard.



The effect of the Gospel faithfully preached is to divide the righteous from the unrighteous, the sincere from the hypocritical. This result was clearly apparent in the opposition that attended the ministry of Paul. His Jewish hearers were incensed against the believing Gentiles, and being jealous of the preacher's popularity, they gave way to execration and wrath. The transference of their neglected privileges to the despised Gentiles heightened their indignation, and they furthered their evil designs by procuring the ill will of even honorable citizens, and were successful in forcing Paul to depart. But to the Gentiles he was "the savor of life unto life."

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