

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Book of the Acts.

LESSON CALENDAR: SECOND QUARTER

1. April 5.....Paul's Farewell to Ephesus. Acts 20: 28-38.
2. April 12.....The Resurrection. 1 Cor. 15: 20, 21; 50-58.
3. April 19.....The Law of Love. Rom. 13: 7-14.
4. April 26.....Paul's Journey to Jerusalem. Acts 21: 3-12.
5. May 3.....Paul Arrested. Acts 21: 30-39.
6. May 10.....The Plot Against Paul. Acts 23: 12-22.
7. May 17.....Paul Before Felix. Acts 24: 10-16, 24-26.
8. May 24.....Paul Before Agrippa. Acts 26: 19-29.
9. May 31.....The Life-Giving Spirit. Rom. 8: 1-14.
10. June 7.....Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck. Acts 27: 33-44.
11. June 14.....Paul at Rome. Acts 28: 16-24, 30, 31.
12. June 21.....Paul's Charge to Timothy. 2 Tim. 3: 14 to 4: 8.
13. June 28.....REVIEW.

Lesson X.

PAUL'S VOYAGE AND SHIPWRECK

June 7, 1903

Acts 27: 33-44. Study vs. 1-44. Commit to memory vs. 41-44.

33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat.

37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore,

into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

40 And when they had taken up the anchors they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoisted up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land:

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

Revised Version—1 Some food; 2 wait and continue; 3 beseech; 4 food; 5 safety; 6 perish; 7 said this, and had taken bread, he; 8 the presence of all; 9 and he brake it, and began; 10 themselves also took food; 11 throwing; 12 perceived a certain bay with a beach, and they took counsel whether they could drive the ship upon it; 13 casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea, at the same time loosing the bands of the rudders; 14 hoisting up the foresail; 15 they made for the beach; 16 But lighting upon; 17 vessel; 18 foreship struck and; 19 the stern began to break up by; 20 desiring; 21 stayed; 22 overboard; 23 first; 24 planks; 25 other things from.

GOLDEN TEXT

Ps. 107: 28. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

DAILY READINGS

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| M.—Acts 27: 1-10. | Danger anticipated. |
| T.—Acts 27: 11-20. | The tempest. |
| W.—Acts 27: 21-32. | Cheering words. |
| Th.—Acts 27: 33-44. | Paul's voyage and shipwreck. |
| F.—Jark 4: 35-41. | Christ in the ship. |
| S.—Psalm 34: 1-10. | Saved from trouble. |
| S.—Psalm 107: 21-32. | Storm and calm. |

CATECHISM

Q. 81. What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?
A. The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate notions and affections to anything that is his.

TIME AND PLACE

Early in November of 60 A.D.; St. Paul's Bay at the north-west extremity of the island of Melita, now called Malta. This bay is formed by the main shore on the south, and the island of Salmonea on the north. Paul was on his way from Caesarea to Rome to be judged by the Emperor.

LESSON PLAN

- I. A Divine Promise, 33-37.
That all in the ship should be saved.
- II. A Prudent Plan, 38-41.
Formed and carried out by the sailors.
- III. A Happy Result, 42-44.
The escape of the ship's company from death.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 8: 67 (Ps. Sel.); 278; 493; 494; 277.

EXPOSITION

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Connecting Links—This lesson is connected with Lesson VIII., where Paul, making his defence before Agrippa, was inter-

rupted by Festus. Though Agrippa had answered Paul's personal question with a sneer (ch. 26: 28), he was yet convinced that