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Text of the Lesson, Acts xviii, 1-22. Memory Verses, 9, 10—Golden Text, Acts xviii, 9—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

I do not know that we can tell how long Paul remained at Athens, but he gave a faithful testimony, and some believed (chapter xviii, 34). The messenger of the Lord is apt to be discouraged if he finds opposition to his message and seemingly few, if any, believing, or if after a faithful testimony there is neither a "thank you" nor a word of appreciation. It is true that we must leave space to please people and cover their approval, but most of us are so awfully human that a word of gratitude from one who has been helped by the message is very cheering (1 Thes. ii, 4; 1 Tim. ii, 15). The devil will be sure to tell you that you have accomplished nothing and had better seek some other occupation, and messengers have been known to heed his suggestion. I am thankful that some one said to me many years ago, as I wondered if any good was being done: "No, you recollect that when the devil sowed his tares he went his way, for he was sure that they would grow? And you do not seem to think that the Word of God is as good seed as the devil's tares." That helped me greatly, and since then I have gone my way after a service, saying: "Thank God; that will work; it will surely accomplish His pleasure" (Isa. lv, 11; Jer. i, 12; R. V.).

Leaving Athens, Paul went to Corinth, a wicked, worldly, commercial center, notorious for its immorality, and the first thing we read of him is, not that he preached, but that he found employment with some who were of the same craft with himself—that of tent making—and he abode with them (verses 3, 5). He would not work at his trade and thus earn his living, but he was a burden to any one. He afterwards wrote to the people asking them to forgive him if he had wronged them by not being a burden to them (1 Cor. xii, 13-16). It does sound a little like sarcasm. The Lord Jesus Himself was known as the carpenter (Mark vi, 3) and he doubt helped to make a living for the family till He began His public ministry.

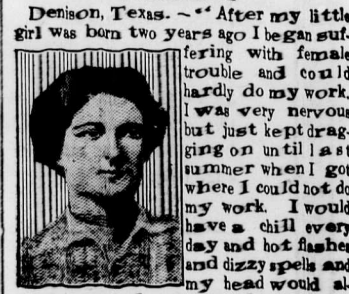
When the Sabbath days came round Paul was ready to testify to the Jews in the synagogue that Jesus was the Christ, their Messiah (verses 4, 5) and mention Silas and Timothy, whom he had left at Berea and for whom he had sent from Athens that they might come to him, reached him there at Corinth (xviii, 14, 15). The phrase "pressed in spirit" (verse 5) is translated in the R. V. "constrained by the Word." Weymouth says Paul was preaching fervently. We think of Jeremiah, who when he was derided and reproached, was tempted to stop speaking the Word of the Lord, but it was such a burning fire within him that he had to speak (Jer. xx, 7-9). We think also of Elmer, who said that he was so constrained by the spirit within him that he was like a bottle of wine ready to burst and he had to speak that he might be refreshed (Job. xxxii, 18-20).

When the Jews opposed Paul and blasphemed he turned from them to the Gentiles and found an open door in a house close by the synagogue, owned by a man named Titus, who worshipped God (verses 6, 7). When God wins His message proclaimed He will provide a place. I held a class in one town where all the truth's sake, but against the hotel proprietor, invited us to meet in his parlors, and so we continued. Paul said concerning one place, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (1 Cor. xvi, 9). Notwithstanding the opposition at Corinth there was much encouragement for the chief ruler of the synagogue and all his house believed and also many of the Corinthians (verse 8). No doubt it was, as always, because of the manifest work of the Holy Spirit that the devil stirred up such opposition. How Paul must have been strengthened to continue by that most gracious visit of the Lord Jesus Himself, who came to him in the night and said, "Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace, for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee, for I have much people in this city" (verses 9, 10). The day that the Lord appeared to him on the way to Damascus he said, "I have appeared unto thee, and I will appear unto thee" (chapter xviii, 16), and this was one of those other appearances to him.

We have His completed word and can hear Him speak to us at any time if only we have ears to hear, for He is the same Word who revealed Himself to Samuel by His word (1 Sam. iii, 21), and He loves to do so still. Being thus strengthened, he continued at Corinth a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them (verse 11). In due time he called them, taking Priscilla and Aquila, and leaving them at Ephesus, he went on to Caesarea and Jerusalem and Antioch and thus completed his second missionary journey (verses 18-22). We would like to know where he left Timothy and what became of Silas, but we shall meet Timothy again, and we can wait to know a lot of things. It seemed to Paul that he must be in Jerusalem in the next hour, but note his "If God will" and see Jas. i, 15.

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