

NATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

LESSON III. TURNING TO THE... ACTS 13. 42-52. July 15.

EXPLANATORY.

WHEN THE JEWS WERE GONE OUT... As they were going out of the synagogue, they besought, etc.; that is, as Paul and Barnabas went out the people besought. The Jews did not reject the doctrine until they saw the multitudes. (Ver. 45.) Religious proselytes. Those who had been converted to Judaism from the gentiles. "Religious" is better rendered "devout." Devout men will seek to know all the truth. Grace of God. Salvation was by grace a free gift, not by works of the law. Paul wished them to raise their hopes upon this free grace only. Probably the week was devoted to private teaching and exhortation.

ALMOST THE WHOLE CITY. That is, not only the Jews and proselytes, but a general gathering of all classes. It was this that aroused the jealousy of the Jews, so that they were filled with envy. The Greek zelos is elsewhere translated zeal, indignation, fervent mind, jealousy, and is literally boiling or heat. Contradiction and blaspheming. Their jealousy led them into rejecting the message of mercy, and the fearful sin of blaspheming God.

WAXED BOLD. Or spake boldly; neither fearing the Jews, nor stopping to argue further with them. Boldness is necessary in those who would speak for Christ. Those ministers who cover before public sentiment, and fearing to displease their hearers let the whole truth go unspoken, ought not to claim apostolic succession. Necessary. God's covenant with Israel required that they should first receive the offer of citizenship in the kingdom of Christ, but not the exclusive citizenship. Judge yourselves. Not that they considered themselves unworthy, but they uttered their own condemnation. So will every soul that is finally lost. Commanded. The quotation is a promise to Christ (Isa. 49, 6), but what God promises shall be done. Christians should consider themselves directed to do so far as in them lies.

THEY WERE GLAD. Not all, neither was it all of the Jews who rejected the gospel, but it was characteristic of them. As many as were ordained. Some translate this word disposed, and put it in opposition to the "judge yourselves" of verse 46. Others hold it as proof of an eternal decree. The word is elsewhere used in the sense of self-disposed, as in Rom. 8, 7; Acts 20, 13; James 4, 7; 1 Cor. 16, 16; etc., and it is also used where the determination comes from external authority, as Acts 22, 10; 15, 2, etc. Here it probably includes both: the work of the spirit on their hearts, accepted by them, and, therefore, effectual. Published. By the new converts; the natural result of their own conversion.

DEVOUT AND HONORABLE WOMEN. By devout we are to understand them to be worshippers of God, either Jews or proselytes, by honorable, their rank probably wives of the chief men, who were induced by them to join in the persecution by the Jews. Paul refers to this persecution in 2 Tim. 3, 11. Expelled them. Not by legal enactment, because we find them there again in chap. 14, 21; but the disciples felt compelled to retire for peace and safety, as commanded by Christ (Matt. 10, 23), and in further obedience to his commands they shook off the dust of their feet, (Matt. 10, 14,) in token that they were free from the impending judgment for their evil deeds. Iconium. Now called Konieh, then a populous and important city at the foot of Mount Taurus, and at one time the Metropolis of Lycaonia. About ninety miles south-east from Antioch.

DISCIPLES. Those who were converted at Antioch, as well as Paul and Barnabas. The work of grace was a work of joy which the world could not give, and could not take away. They were not only glad in spite of suffering, but because of suffering—it was a proof of their nearness to Christ. (John 15, 19.)

GOLDEN TEXT. And in his name shall the Gentile trust. Matt. 12, 21.

DOCTRINE. Universality of salvation. Rom. 5, 12-21.

The next lesson is Acts 14, 8-20.

There has been a falling off in the English Missionary collections. At the annual meeting of the great Church Missionary Society held May 1st, the receipts were reported at £190,693 and the expenditures at £210,859. The Wesleyan Missionary Society on the previous day had reported an income of £146,231 and an expenditure of £164,195.

General C. B. Fisk, of the United States, in closing his address at the late celebration of the century of City Road Chapel London, said: "I bring you the greetings of your daughter over the sea—a large overgrown girl she is. When Wesley laid the foundation of his house the entire membership of his societies numbered less than 40,000. During the past one hundred years, what hath God wrought! From the Arctic Ocean on the North to the Gulf of Mexico on the South—from the broad Atlantic on the East to the broader Pacific on the West of the North American continent—there is hardly a square mile of land without its Methodist chapel; too, hail the day when Methodism shall be one, and during the next ten years I expect to be a delegate to a Methodist Ecumenical Council in London."

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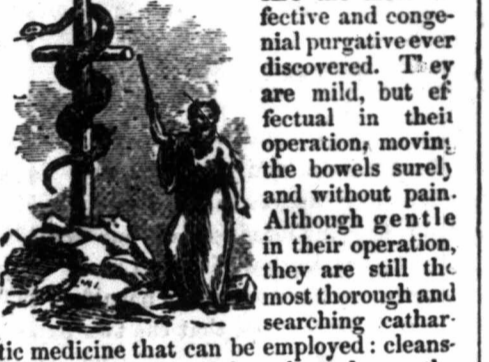
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