

What was the next stopping place? Patara.

What did the travellers then do? Took another ship and sailed to Tyre.
xxi. 3.

Relate what happened here? Verses 4 & 5.

Describe the rest of the journey to Jerusalem. (Trace the whole journey on a map if possible.)

What makes a journey pleasant or painful? Chiefly what we look forward to at its end.

What were S. Paul's prospects? Bright—a glad feast to join in and joyful news of success to relate.

Was this all? Nay, there was a dark side too, warnings of bonds and afflictions. xxi. 11.

How did S. Paul face this prospect? Readily, steadfastly, courageously.

What did he say? Ver. 13.

Whom did he resemble in this? The Saviour Himself.

How can we imitate S. Paul? By feeling bound to go on in the way of God's laws. By being unmoved by others' opposition. By being ready for what God appoints.

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THE WAY OF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

TEXTS TO BE LEARNED.—Ps. cxix. 32; S. Matt. vi. 20.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I.—REASONS FOR OBEDIENCE.

To whom do we owe obedience? How is this obedience described in the Collect? Why is the word "running" used? It expresses readiness and willingness to do God's will? In what way do we here address God? How does He show His mercy and pity to us? In pardoning our sins and helping our weaknesses? Why should this cause us to run in the way of God's Commandments? To show our gratitude. What other reason is there why we should obey God? He mercifully grants us grace to do His will. Why must we therefore strive to obey Him? That we may not neglect to use this grace.

II.—REWARDS OF OBEDIENCE.

What additional benefit does God bestow? A present reward—gracious promises. Of what sort? A lively hope in God and joy even amid trials. What else are we promised? A future reward—heavenly treasures. But is this not a free gift? Do and still we are to lay it up. (2d text for repetition). How can we do so? By "running in the way," etc. What do we learn from the Collect? That God's mercy and pity best prove His power. That He desires us to obey His will. That He will supply grace and glory to His servants.

THE CATECHISM.

What is the First Commandment? (Learn answer in Catechism.)