

LESSON VI—May 9th, 1897.

Paul Preaching to the Jews. ACTS 13: 26-39.

(Commit to memory verses 38, 39, and read chapter 13: 14-15).

GOLDEN TEXT: "Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins." Acts 13: 38.

PROVE THAT—We all need to believe on Jesus Christ. Acts 13: 39.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 101. *What do we pray for in the first petition?* A. In the first petition (which is, *Hallowed be thy name*), we pray, that God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known; and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 82, 68, 233, 84.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Address in the synagogue. Acts 13: 14-25. *Tuesday.* Paul preaching to the Jews. Acts 13: 26-37. *Wednesday.* Paul preaching to the Jews. Acts 13: 38-43. *Thursday.* Jews reject the gospel. Acts 13: 44-52. *Friday.* Message rejected. Jer. 7: 21-28. *Saturday.* Sin removed. 2 Cor. 5: 14-21. *Sabbath.* Forgiveness by Christ. Luke 7: 36-50. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. After landing at Parga, and apparently making no stay there, Paul and Barnabas travelled about 90 miles inland to Antioch in Pisidia, the modern *Yalobatch*. Here they entered into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day and were invited to speak according to custom. After a brief sketch of God's dealings with Israel, Paul introduces his favorite theme, "Jesus Christ and him crucified."

LESSON PLAN. I. Jesus Rejected. vs. 26-29. II. Jesus Accepted. vs. 30-37. III. Jesus Preached. vs. 38, 39.

26. Children of the stock of Abraham.—Descendants of Abraham. **Feareth God**—i. e. Proselytes, who were not Jews by birth, but converts from heathenism. **This Salvation**—heralded by John and now proclaimed in Jesus. **27. Knew him not**—Did not recognize him as the Messiah (1 Cor. 2: 8). **Prophets**—They did not understand the true teaching of the Prophets about Christ (15: 21) so they rejected Jesus as these had clearly predicted (Luke 24: 44; ch. 26: 22; 28: 23). **28. No cause of death**—Pilate's own words (Luke 23: 22). There was not a particle of evidence against Jesus. **29. Down from the tree**—Old word for a cross-beam of wood. Although this was done by loving hands yet the Jews set a guard over the sepulchre and regarded the body as still in custody. **30.** This was the crowning proof that he was the Messiah (Rom. 1: 4; ch. 2: 24; 3: 15; 5: 31). **31. Many days**—Forty (ch. 1: 3; 1 Cor. 15: 5-7). All the apostles except Judas were from Galilee. **32. Glad tidings**—No news ought to have been more welcome than that God's promises were fulfilled (Gal. 3: 16). The R. V. reads "We bring you good tidings of the promise . . . how that God hath fulfilled &c." **33. This day have I begotten thee**—(Ps. 2: 7). This does not mean the day of Christ's birth,

but of his resurrection. That was his public recognition by the Father. Then men saw that the despised and crucified Jesus was indeed the Son of God (Rom. 1: 4). **34. No more to return to corruption**—Jesus did not die again like Lazarus and others who had been brought back to life (Rom. 6: 9, 10; Heb. 9: 28; 1 Pet. 3: 18). **The Holy and sure blessings of David** (R. V.)—(Isa. 55: 3). The one who raised up Jesus gave this promise. David's kingdom was to be perpetual, under a son, or descendant, who was undying (Ps. 89). **35.** Peter used this passage in the same way on the day of Pentecost (2: 31) to prove that Christ and not David himself was God's Holy one (Ps. 16: 10). **36. By the will of God**—David's life, like that of every other good man was a service rendered to his age and was ended when his work was done, but Christ lives to bless and save the remotest generations. **38. This man**—Jesus of Nazareth. **Forgiveness of sins**—R. V. "remission of sins." The sweet words of pardon and peace with God were never heard until proclaimed in the name of Jesus. **39. Justified**—Acquitted from all the guilt of sin, although sinners.

Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is pardoned me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

LESSONS. 1. We ought to study our Bibles so as not to oppose God's will. 2. The offer of salvation is sent to everyone who hears it. 3. God can overrule evil for good. 4. It is a precious truth that Jesus lives. 5. We are accepted in the Beloved.