

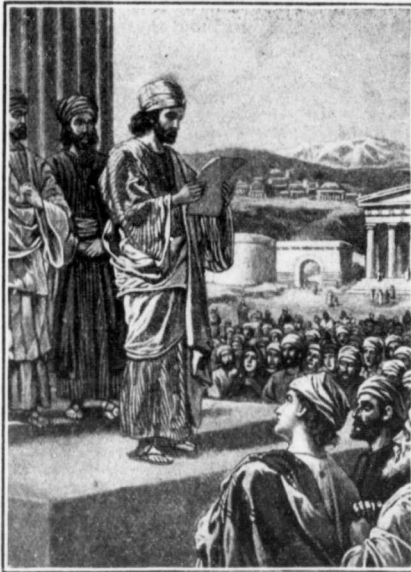
Lesson IX.

THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM

May 28, 1916

Acts 15 : 22-33. Study Acts 15 : 1-35. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ps. 100 : 1-4.

Golden Text—With freedom did Christ set us free.—Galatians 5 : 1 (Rev. Ver.).



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if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to An'tioch : and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle :

31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

32 And Ju'das and Si'las, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

33 And after they had tarried there a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after the last lesson Paul and Barnabas started to go back to the city of Antioch, the place from which they had sailed on their missionary journey.

On their way home they visited again all the places where they had been preaching. They chose men in each place to take care of the church there. They called these men elders, and they "ordained" them, or set them apart, for this work by laying their hands upon their heads and blessing them.

Paul and Barnabas were glad to get home to Antioch. They had been away for a long time. The Christians in Antioch held a

22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to An'tioch with Paul and Bar'nabas ; namely, Ju'das surnamed Bar'sabas, and Si'las, chief men among the brethren :

23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner ; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gen'tiles in An'tioch and Sy'ria and Cilic'ia :

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law : to whom we gave no such commandment :

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Bar'nabas and Paul,

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Ju'das and Si'las, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things ;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication : from which

large "missionary meeting," and the two missionaries, Paul and Barnabas, told about their travels and how God had helped them to preach to the Gentiles. But some teachers had come to Antioch from Jerusalem, who said that all the Gentiles who became followers of Jesus must follow all the customs of the Jews or they could not be Christians.

Now Paul and Barnabas were very much troubled when they heard this. Jesus had not said that his followers must follow these customs of the Jews. All that people required to do was to believe in Jesus and con-

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