

Lesson VI. A TROUBLED SEA AND A TROUBLED SOUL August 11, 1912

Mark 4 : 35 to 5 : 20—Memory Verses, 38, 39.

Golden Text—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change, and though the mountains be moved in the heart of the seas.—Psalm 46 : 1, 2.



- 35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.
- 36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.
- 37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.
- 38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow : and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish ?
- 39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.
- 40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful ? how is it that ye have no faith ?
- 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him ?
- Ch. 5 : 1 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gad'arenes.
- 2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,
- 3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs ; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains :
- 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces : neither could any man tame him.
- 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.
- 6 But when he saw Je'sus afar off, he ran and worshipped him.
- 7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Je'sus, thou Son of the most high God ? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.
- 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.
- 9 And he asked him, What is thy name ? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion : for we are many.
- 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.
- 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.
- 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.
- 13 And forthwith Je'sus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine : and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand ;) and were choked in the sea.
- 14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.
- 15 And they come to Je'sus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind : and they were afraid.
- 16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.
- 17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.
- 18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.
- 19 Howbeit Je'sus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.
- 20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decap'olis how great things Je'sus had done for him : and all men did marvel.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus had preached from the little boat to the multitude gathered on the shore for many long hours. He was then tired and weary, so He entered into another large boat with His disciples to cross over the Lake of Galilee to the country of the Gadarenes. While they were crossing a terrible storm arose and they were in great danger. But amid all the noise of the tempest, Jesus lay asleep on a pillow in the boat.

And the frightened disciples awakened Him, crying, "Master, do You not care that we are perishing ?" Jesus immediately arose up and rebuked His disciples for their want of faith. Then He spoke to the winds and the sea. "Peace, be still", He said, and at once the winds fell, the sea ceased roaring and there was a great calm, and Jesus and His disciples reached the other side in safety.

As they landed, a strange, wild man,