

Lesson I.

CONVERSION OF SAUL

April 2, 1916

Acts 9 : 1-11, 17-19. Study Acts 9 : 1-31. *Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 100 : 1.

Golden Text—Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ; of whom I am chief.—1 Timothy 1 : 15 (Rev. Ver.).



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1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damas'cus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jeru'salem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damas'cus : and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven :

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me ?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord ? And the Lord said, I am Je'sus whom thou persecutest : it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do ? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth ; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man : but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damas'cus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and

neither did eat nor drink.

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damas'cus, named Anani'as ; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Anani'as. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Ju'das for one called Saul, of Tar'sus : for, behold, he prayeth.

17 And Anani'as went his way, and entered into the house ; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Je'sus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales : and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damas'cus.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Saul, a Jew, who was born and brought up in a city named Tarsus, hated the followers of Jesus. He caused them to be ill-treated and put in prison and even killed. After he had done all he could against them in Jerusalem, he got leave from the high priest to go to the city of Damascus, and find out any men or women in the Jewish churches there who were friends of Jesus, and bring them bound with chains to Jerusalem to be put to death.

Saul started on his cruel errand. He traveled many miles, till at last he saw the beautiful city of Damascus in the distance.

Suddenly, there flashed upon him from heaven a light, which was so bright it blinded his eyes and he fell to the ground. Then he heard a voice. Listen. "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me ?" "Who are you, Lord ?" Saul replied. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting by making my friends to suffer."

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