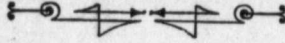


LESSON IX—August 29th, 1897.
Paul Opposed at Ephesus. ACTS 19: 21-34.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Take heed and beware of covetousness." Luke 12: 15.



21. After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Mac'e-do'ni-a and A-cha'ia, to go to Je-ru'sa-lem, saying, after I have been there, I must also see Rome.

22. So he sent into Mac'e-do'ni-a two of them that ministered unto him, Ti-mo'the-us and E-ras'tus; but he himself stayed in A'si-a for a season.

23. And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

24. For a certain man named De-me'tri-us, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Di-an'a, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

25. Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

26. Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Eph'e-sus, but almost throughout all A'si-a, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

27. So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; But also that the temple of the great goddess Di-an'a should be despised, and her magnificence should be de-

stroyed, whom all A'si-a and the world worshipeth.

28. And when they heard *these sayings*, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Di-an'a of the E-phe'sians.

29. And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Ga'ius and Ar'is-tar'chus, men of Mac'e-do'ni-a Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30. And when Paul would have entered into unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31. And certain of the chief of A'si-a, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring *him* that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33. And they drew Al'ex-an'der out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward, and Al'ex-an'der beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

34. But when they knew that he was a Jew all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Di-an'a of the E-phe'sians.