

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.—

CONTINUED.

A. D. 44 or 45.]

LESSON X. SINS OF THE TONGUE.

[June 6.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Psalm 34. 13.

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

REVISED VERSION.

James 3. 1-13. [*Concise to memory verses 11-13.*]

[Read chapter 3.]

1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind.

8 But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom,

1 Be not many teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgment. For in many things we all stumble. If any stumbleth not in word, the same is a perfect man,

3 able to bridle the whole body also. Now if we put the horses' bridles into their mouths, that they may obey us, we turn about their whole

4 body also. Behold, the ships also, though they are so great, and are driven by rough winds, are yet turned about by a very small rudder,

whither the impulse of the steersman willeth.

5 So the tongue also is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how much wood

6 is kindled by how small a fire! And the tongue is a fire: the world of iniquity among our members

is the tongue, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the wheel of nature,

7 and is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beasts and birds, of creeping things and things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed by

8 mankind; but the tongue can no man tame; *it is* a restless evil, *it is* full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after

10 the likeness of God: out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth the

11 fountain send forth from the same opening

12 sweet water and bitter? can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a vine figs? neither can salt water yield sweet.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? let him shew by his good life his works in meekness of wisdom.

Time.—A. D. 44 or 45, probably. Place.—Jerusalem.

Home Readings.

M. Sins of the Tongue. James 3. 1-13.

Tu. Laws against falsehood. Lev. 19. 11-18.

W. Punishment of deceit. Jer. 9. 1-8.

Th. Gehazi's falsehood. 2 Kings 5. 20-27.

F. The deceitful tongue. Psalm 52.

S. The proud tongue. Psalm 12.

S. True and false. Prov. 10. 11-22.

Lesson Hymns.

No. 61, New Canadian Hymnal.

When I was far away and lost;

Oh, 'tis wonderful!

No. 64, New Canadian Hymnal.

Yield not to temptation,

For yielding is sin.

No. 59, New Canadian Hymnal.

Once I thought I walked with Jesus,

Yet such changeable feelings had.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS.

1. The Power of the Tongue, v. 1-5.

What caution is given in the first verse?

What mark of a perfect man does James give?

How do we subdue and govern horses?

How are ships directed in their course?