

is not like the weak and foolish creatures you worship, for He made the sky and the earth and the sea and everything that is in them. Though you do not know it, it is He who blesses you with good harvests, sending His rain and sun upon them that you may be fed."

But even with these words the mob could scarcely be persuaded to go away. However, in a few days the feelings of the people had greatly changed. Now some of the Jews, who had treated God's messengers so badly at Antioch and Iconium, followed them to Lystra, where they persuaded the heathen that Paul and Barnabas were bad men. So then they stoned Paul and threw him out of the city for dead. But when the believers had gathered around him he got up and they helped him back into the town.

The next day Paul and Barnabas went to Derbe, where he again preached and taught in the name of Jesus. But he did not forget those who had believed in Lystra and

Antioch, but visited them all soon again, begging them not to be easily turned away from their new faith. "For," said he, "it is only through many troubles that we can enter into the kingdom of God."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of people lived at Lystra?
2. What did they worship? 3. Who was among the first to believe the gospel at this place?
4. What did Paul do for the cripple?
5. What did the heathen then say about the missionaries?
6. How did Paul and Barnabas stop the people who wanted to worship them?
7. What did they say about the true God?
8. Why did the people afterwards turn against them?
9. What did they do to Paul?
10. Did he die?
11. Where did Paul and Barnabas next preach?
12. How did Paul show kindness to the believers in the towns where he had been ill-used?
13. What did he tell them about troubles?
14. What is the Golden Text?

WHAT THE WIND SAID

There was once a young wheat-plant living in a beautiful field. "I shall stay here always," it said, "and be very happy: it is so lovely here."

One day the wind whispered, "Something is going to happen, little plant, that you will not like. But do not be afraid of a little pain—it may bring you great honor."

Sure enough, before long the reapers came and the wheat plant was laid flat upon the

ground. From the field it was taken to the threshing machine, from the threshing machine to the mill, where the great wheels ground it to powder. But the worst was not yet. Soon it was thrust into a fiery oven in the kitchen of a king's palace. "Now I shall die," it thought, when suddenly! it was drawn forth, no longer wheat nor flour, but part of a beautiful and perfect loaf ready for the king's table.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

To stand fast for Jesus

Primary Catechism—94. What is prayer? Prayer is telling God our wants, confessing our sins, and thanking Him for His goodness. **95.** To whom should we pray? We should pray to God only.

Shorter Catechism—24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Lesson Hymn

Stand up for Jesus, Christian stand!
Sound forth His Name o'er sea and land!
Spread ye His glorious Word abroad,
Till all the world shall own Him Lord!

Amen.

—Hymn 260, Book of Praise