

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. A Voyage, v. 1, 2.

Where was Paul to be sent?
To whose care was he committed?
What course was intended to be taken?
Who went with Paul's party?

2. A Storm, v. 14-20.

What danger beset the ship?
What did the sailors do?
What befell them at Claudia?
Why was sail shortened?
What was done on the second day of the storm?
What on the third day?
What added to their gloom?
What effect had these things upon the voyagers?

3. A Vision, v. 21-26.

Who spake words of cheer?
Of what advice did he remind them?
What was his exhortation?
What cheering prophecy did he give?
What message had been given him?
By what means were they to be saved?

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson do we find—

1. Peril through neglected advice?
2. Heavenly comfort in peril?
3. Faith in what God has revealed?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

How long was Paul a prisoner in Cesarea? **Two years.**

Before whom had he been tried? **Felix and Festus, the Roman governors, and King Agrippa.**

Where and to whom was he now sent? **To Rome, to be tried before the emperor.**

Who had charge of Paul and the other prisoners? **A Roman captain named Julius.**

See if you can find out from this and the next two lessons how he treated Paul?

Who went with Paul as friends? **Luke and Aristarchus.**

After a safe voyage as far as the island of Crete, what did Paul tell them? **That if they went any farther there would be danger of shipwreck.**

Did they believe him? **No; and the ship went on its way.**

Very soon what came? **A great storm of rain and wind.**

What did they have to do? **Put strong ropes around the ship to hold it together, and threw overboard every thing they could spare.**

What trouble were the sailors in? **The sun, moon, and stars did not appear for days, and the ship was driven before the wind.**

How did they feel? **They scarcely tasted food, and all but Paul gave up hope of being saved.**

In the midst of all this trouble what did Paul say to them? **"If you had listened to me you would not have met with all this harm and loss."**

How did he encourage them? **He said: "Be of good cheer, for though our ship will be lost, our lives will be saved."**

How did Paul know this? **An angel of the Lord he loved and served had appeared to him in the night and told him.**

Where did the angel say they would be cast? **Upon a certain island.**

Did Paul believe the message? **[Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.]**

Words with Little People.

There is nothing so sure in all the world as God's word.

"All that He hath spoken, he will surely do!"

Nothing shall be broken, every word is true."

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Unto whom was Paul delivered when it was determined he should go to Italy? **"Unto one named Julius, a centurion."**

2. What happened to the ship in which Paul had embarked? **"There arose against it a tempestuous wind."**

3. When the tempest raged fiercely what did the voyagers do? **"They lightened the ship."**

4. When no hope of surviving was left, what did Paul say? **"Be of good cheer."**

5. What did the angel of God say to Paul? **"Fear not."**

CATECHISM QUESTION.

1. What new commandment did our Lord give to His disciples?

That they should love one another, as He had loved them.

John xiii. 34. [John xv. 12, 13; John ii. 7, 8.]

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

The Believer in Trouble.

I. THE TROUBLE.

1. Paul and certain other prisoners. v. 1.

"I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ." Eph. 3. 1.

"I suffer trouble....even unto bonds." 2 Tim. 2. 9.

2. Arose....a tempestuous wind. v. 14.

"Stormy wind....lifteth up the waves." Psal. 107. 25.

"Thy billows are gone over me." Psal. 42. 7.

3. Neither sun nor stars. v. 20.

"Such as sit in darkness." Psal. 107. 10.

"Valley of the shadow of death." Psal. 23. 4.

4. All hope....taken away. v. 20.

"Our hope is lost." Ezek. 37. 11.

"Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me." Isa. 49. 14.

II. THE BELIEVER.

1. Foresight. "Ye should have hearkened." v. 21.

"I perceive....much hurt." v. 10.

"He revealeth his secret unto his servants." Amos 3. 7.

2. Courage. "Be of good cheer." v. 22.

"Troubled....yet not distressed." 2 Cor. 4. 8.

"Fear thou not....I am with thee." Isa. 41. 10.

3. Confession. "God, whose I am." v. 23.

"With the mouth confession is made." Rom. 10. 10.

"Confess me before men." Matt. 10. 32.

4. Influence. "God hath given thee." v. 24.

"Ye shall be a blessing." Zech. 8. 13.

"Fifty righteous....will spare all." Gen. 18. 26.

5. Faith. "I believe God." v. 25.

"I know whom I have believed." 2 Tim. 1. 12.

"Staggered not at the promise." Rom. 4. 20.

THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Lessons from the Storm.

1. Storms befall God's people while they are in this life, just as they befall sinners; but the people of God have comforts in trouble which others know not of. v. 14.

2. When death stares men in the face their true character is revealed. Nothing in Paul's history shows his sincerity more clearly than his conduct in the storm. v. 21.

3. Men will throw overboard every thing to save their lives, and so should they sacrifice every thing to save their souls. v. 18, 19.

4. In all the storm, God's eye was on that tossing vessel, and so in all our trials God is watching over us, and caring for us, even while we know it not. v. 23, 24.

5. See what a blessing in trouble one good, trusting man can become! Through one godly, believing man, a whole ship's company are saved. v. 24.

6. In times of trouble we should think of others, and try to help and comfort them. v. 25.