

CLOSE OF PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

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Acts 18 : 1-11. Study Acts 18 : 1-22—Memory Verses, 9, 10.

Golden Text—In the world ye shall have tribulation : but be of good cheer ; I have overcome the world.—John 16 : 33.



1 After these things Paul departed from Ath'ens, and came to Corinth ;

2 And found a certain Jew named Aquil'a, born in Pon'tus, lately come from It'aly, with wife Priscil'la ; (because that Clau'dius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome :) and came unto them.

3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought : for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

5 And when Silas and Timoth'eus were come from Macedo'nia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads : I am clean : from henceforth I will go unto the Gen'tiles.

7 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Jus'tus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

8 And Cris'pus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house ; and many of the Corinth'ians hearing believed, and were baptized.

9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace :

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee : for I have much people in this city.

11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After leaving Athens, Paul went to the city of Corinth. There he found friends in a Jew named Aquila, and his wife Priscilla. Paul had been taught, when young, to be a tent-maker, and while he was in Corinth, he earned his living by working at his trade. As Aquila was also a tent-maker, Paul went to stay and work with him.

But every Sabbath day, Paul went to the synagogue, and there he taught all who would listen to him, persuading them to believe in the Saviour. Silas and Timothy were now again with him, having come from Macedonia to help him with his preaching.

The Jews gathered together, and contradicted all that Paul said, and spoke wickedly of Jesus, so that, at last, Paul said, "If you will not be saved, you are yourselves to blame. From this time I will go and preach to the

Gentiles." Therefore he left them, and went into the house of a man named Justus, near the synagogue. Now although the city of Corinth was very wicked, Paul's words touched the hearts of many of the people, and they believed and were baptized, among these being Crispus, one of the rulers of the synagogue.

And the Lord further encouraged Paul by appearing to him in a vision one night and saying, "Be not afraid, but speak out boldly, for I am with thee to take care of thee, and no man shall hurt thee, and thou shalt yet bring many people in this city to Me." So Paul lived on in Corinth, preaching and teaching.

But the Jews of the city, who hated Paul, dragged him before the governor, saying, "This fellow teaches men to worship God in a way that is wrong and against our laws." The governor, however, would not listen to