

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY —ANTIOCH TO PHILIPPI

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Acts 16 : 6-15. Study Acts 15 : 36 to 16 : 15—*Memory Verses, 9, 10.

Golden Text—Come over into Macedonia, and help us.—Acts 16 : 9.

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Gala'tia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in A'sia.

7 After they were come to Mys'ia, they assayed to go into Bithyn'ia : but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mys'ia came down to Tro'as.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night ; There stood a man of Macedo'nia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedo'nia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedo'nia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Tro'as, we came with a straight course to Samothra'cia, and the next day to Neap'olis ;

12 And from thence to Philip'pi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedo'nia, and a colony : and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont

to be made ; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*.

14 And a certain woman named Lyd'ia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyati'ra, which worshipped God, heard us : whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Paul's First Missionary Journey, the account of which was given in last Quarter's Lessons, was now finished. He and Barnabas were in Antioch teaching and preaching. By and by Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go again and visit the brethren in the cities where we have preached, and see how they do." Barnabas wished to take Mark with them. But Paul said, "No"; because Mark had once turned back from the work. So Barnabas took Mark, and Paul took Silas. At Lystra Paul found a young Christian named Timothy, and asked him to go along with him as a helper, which he did.

At last they came to Troas, a city on the sea coast. This was in Asia. Just opposite was Macedonia in Europe. When night came, Paul had a vision. He saw a man

of Macedonia standing before him, and pleading, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Paul knew that this was a message from the Lord, and he and his friends set sail for Macedonia, and came first to a city named Philippi.

There were not many Jews in Philippi, and therefore, no synagogue; so on the Sabbath day, Paul and his friends went out of the city gate to the river side where the Jews met for prayer. There they sat down, and talked with some women who had met together to pray. One of these was named Lydia. She had come from Thyatira in Asia Minor, and was a seller of purple-dyed cloths and garments. The Lord sent His Spirit into the heart of this woman, so that she listened eagerly to what Paul said, and

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