

## Lesson VI.

\*PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY  
—ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA

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BETWEEN THE LESSONS—The Lesson follows close upon that for last Sabbath.

GOLDEN TEXT—The word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.—Acts 13: 49.

Memorize vs. 38, 39. THE LESSON PASSAGE—Acts 13: 13-16, 38-49. Study Acts 13: 13-52.

13 Now <sup>1</sup>when Paul and his company <sup>2</sup>loosed from Pa<sup>l</sup>'phos, <sup>3</sup>they came to Per<sup>g</sup>a in Pamphy<sup>l</sup>ia: and John <sup>4</sup>departing from them <sup>5</sup>returned to Jeru<sup>s</sup>-salem.

14 But <sup>6</sup>when they departed from Per<sup>g</sup>a, they came to An<sup>t</sup>ioch <sup>7</sup>in Pisid<sup>i</sup>a, and <sup>8</sup>went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, <sup>9</sup>Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

16 <sup>10</sup>Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with <sup>11</sup>his hand said, Men of Is<sup>r</sup>ael, and ye that fear God, <sup>12</sup>give audience.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, <sup>13</sup>men and brethren, that through this man is <sup>14</sup>preached unto you <sup>15</sup>the forgiveness of sins:

39 And by him <sup>16</sup>all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Mo<sup>s</sup>es.

40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;

41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, <sup>17</sup>though a man declare it unto you.

42 And <sup>18</sup>when the Jews were gone out of the

Revised Version—*Omit* when; <sup>2</sup>set sail; <sup>3</sup>and came; <sup>4</sup>departed; <sup>5</sup>and; <sup>6</sup>they, passing through from Perga, came; <sup>7</sup>of; <sup>8</sup>they; <sup>9</sup>*Omit* ye men and; <sup>10</sup>And Paul; <sup>11</sup>the; <sup>12</sup>hearken; <sup>13</sup>*Omit* men and; <sup>14</sup>proclaimed; <sup>15</sup>remission of sins; <sup>16</sup>every one that believeth is; <sup>17</sup>if one declare; <sup>18</sup>as they went out, they besought; <sup>19</sup>spoken; <sup>20</sup>synagogue broke up; <sup>21</sup>of the devout proselytes; <sup>22</sup>urged; <sup>23</sup>almost the whole city was gathered; <sup>24</sup>jealousy; <sup>25</sup>contradicted the things; <sup>26</sup>and blasphemed; <sup>27</sup>spoke out boldly; <sup>28</sup>he spoken; <sup>29</sup>Seeing ye thrust it; <sup>30</sup>eternal; <sup>31</sup>for a light; <sup>32</sup>utmost part; <sup>33</sup>as; <sup>34</sup>God; <sup>35</sup>spread abroad.

Daily Readings—(Courtesy, I.B.R.A.)—M.—At Antioch in Pisidia, Acts 13: 13-25. T.—At Antioch in Pisidia, Acts 13: 26-41. W.—At Antioch in Pisidia, Acts 13: 42-52. Th.—Jesus in the synagogue, Luke 4: 14-30. F.—Refusing to hear, Ezek. 3: 4-11. S.—Hardness of heart, Zech. 7: 3-14. S.—Ambassadors, 2 Cor. 5: 11-21.

## THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. A MISSIONARY'S OPPORTUNITY.—13, 14. Paul and his company. Paul has now become the chief person in the missionary party. Loosed; put out to sea. To Perga in Pamphylia. Pamphylia was a district occupying the middle of the southern seaboard of Asia Minor, and Perga was its capital. To Antioch in Pisidia. See Geography Lesson. Went into the synagogue. Paul followed his rule in preaching,—"to the Jew first", Rom. 1: 16 (compare v. 5, last Lesson).

15, 16. After the reading of the law; the Pentateuch or Five Books of Moses. And the prophets; including, besides the books now called prophetic, Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, and 1 and 2 Kings. The rulers of the synagogue; in whose hands was the authority to call up readers of the lessons and preachers at each service. Sent unto them.



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Perhaps, before this, they had become known as teachers throughout the city. Any word of exhortation. The usual purpose of an address on such an occasion was to urge the people to keep the law more strictly. Men of Israel; Jews born. Ye that fear God; Gentiles, who worshipped in the Jewish synagogue, but had not fully accepted the Jewish faith.

Vs. 17-41 contain Paul's sermon.

II. A MISSIONARY'S MESSAGE.—38-41. Therefore... through this man; that is, Jesus, who had died and had risen again (see verses preceding). Is preached...

the forgiveness of sins; literally the putting or sending away of sins, Ps. 103: 12. By him, Jesus is the sole Author of pardon and salvation. All that believe. Compare ch. 16: 31; Rom. 10: 9. Are justified; Paul's great word, Rom. 4: 25; 5: 1.

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