

which they presented food and drink and costly offerings. God was not dependent on men for anything, seeing that He Himself had given to them their very life and their health and everything they possessed. He had made the different nations of the earth also, and so men should love one another as brothers, to whatever country they belonged, and whether they were black or white or yellow.

God had placed these different nations in different lands, in the countries which He knew would suit them best; and, though some of them had never heard of Him and worshiped idols made of wood and stone, still God meant that some day they should all know and learn of Him. So long as they knew no better than to worship those idols which they had made themselves, Paul said God had not destroyed them, but had allowed them to live, and had still given them everything they needed. But now, He forbade all men to worship idols any more, commanding them to repent of their sins and believe on Jesus, because one day He would send Him to Judge them all. And God had given them a proof that He would do this, by raising Jesus from the dead.

When the men of Athens heard Paul speak of the resurrection, some mocked him. Others said, "We would like to hear more about this strange teaching"; but a number of others believed; so that, when Paul left them, he felt his words had not been spoken in vain.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither had Paul gone after leaving Berea? 2. For what was this city noted? 3. Of what did Paul see many signs in the city? 4. To whom did he preach? 5. Before whom was he taken to explain his teaching? 6. What strange altar did Paul say he had noticed in Athens? 7. Who was this "unknown God"? 8. In what ways was God unlike idols? 9. Why should men love one another like brothers? 10. Why had God not punished those who worshiped idols? 11. What did God say they must all do now? 12. Why? 13. What proof had God given of His power? 14. How did some of the men in Athens receive Paul's words? 15.

What made Paul feel that he had not spoken in vain? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Behold the amazing gift of love
The Father hath bestowed
On us, the sinful sons of men,
To call us sons of God!

Our souls, we know, when He appears,
Shall bear His image bright;
For all His glory, full disclosed,
Shall open to our sight. Amen.

—Hymn 203, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—38. How did Jesus spend His life, when he grew up to be a man? When Jesus grew up to be a man He went about doing good, and teaching men about God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 21-23.

The Question on Missions

4. What games do the boys play? Cricket is the great game, but there are also marbles, rounders, flying kites, and hoop (hide-and-seek). The East Indian boy is ingenious at making spool carts and other playthings.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy these words of Jesus. They teach us that God is One who can love and help us

GOD IS A SPIRIT

and be with us wherever we are, while the gods of the heathen are just bits of wood and stone, with no feeling or power.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT THERE IS BUT ONE GOD