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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

A. D. 45. LESSON II. PAUL AT ANTIOCH; The Gospel of Joy. Acts 13. 26-41. July 8.

EXPLANATORY.

STOCK OF ABRAHAM. The Jews, who prided themselves on their purity of blood. Whomsoever among you feareth God. The proselytes from heathenism—Gentile Jews. Unto you. Paul was here now as God's ambassador to deliver this message of salvation. How great a privilege—and yet they, too, rejected Christ.

THEY THAT DWELL. Paul does not say ye because the foreign Jews had no hand in the crucifixion of Christ. Knew him not. Christ said "they know not what they do;" and Peter says, "through ignorance do did it." (Chap. 3, 17.) But ignorance was no excuse for sin, because it was their duty to know. Read every Sabbath. In their synagogues, Reading the Scripture was a part of their regular service. Let us fear lest our prejudices or indifference prevent our understanding the word, and lead us, into sin. Though they found no cause. Observe the working of hate and bigotry. Not even suborned witnesses could bring aught against him, yet they demanded his death. They fulfilled. So man's most wicked and vicious works are used by God to fulfil his will. There is no intimation, however, that such a fulfilment makes the act any less a sin. Laid him in a sepulchre. This was done by friendly hands, but Joseph of Arimathea, and Nicodemus, were "rulers," and are thus included in that term in verse 27.

BUT. A skillful appeal from the judgment of their own Sanhedrin to their God. Christ's resurrection proved their course wrong, and set the seal on his divinity. Seen many days. It was no secret. For forty days he mingled with men, and was seen by so many that there was no room for questioning the fact. Of them. The disciples. Paul thus excludes himself and Barnabas from this number. His witnesses. Blessed are they who can, in their own experience, say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

GLAD TIDINGS. No tidings could be more joyful to the Jewish heart than that the Messiah had come; but, alas! they would not recognize him unless he came as they would like him to come. The promise. First made to Abraham, and renewed all the way down, to Jacob, to Moses, to David, to Abaz, to Daniel, etc. The Old Testament is a unit of promise of the Saviour to come. Raised up Jesus. There is nothing in the Greek to correspond with "again." (See the same idea and expression in Luke 1, 69.) Second Psalm. Quoted also in Heb. 1, 5, and 5, 5, as referring to Christ.

THAT HE RAISED. Paul having declared the fulfilment of the promise, now goes on to prove from the Scriptures, that Christ must have risen from the dead, just as Jesus had risen. His first quotation is from Isa. 55, a chapter which is all a prophecy of Christ, and through it back to Psa. 89. Notice the expression, he said, which clearly infers that the Scriptures are, indeed, the word of God, and not of man. Paul quotes Psalm 16, 10, and shows that it could not refer to David, who died and was "laid unto his fathers," but that it was perfectly fulfilled in Him who was "the sure mercies of David." Served his own generation by the will of God, that is, he served God in his time, or while he lived. (See margin.) But it is true, that in doing the will of God, we do serve our own generation, and for their best good.

THROUGH THIS MAN.....FORGIVENESS OF SINS. The apostle makes his application, and at the same time declares the spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom. The original has not the word man, but one, referring to the Messiah above declared, this One, the only Saviour. All that believe, or rather, that have faith, not mere intellectual belief, but trusting faith. Justified. A legal term, not meaning "to make just or holy," but "to absolve from guilt. This is one by the "remission of sins." Could not...by the law. The law could not absolve any one from guilt. Not that the Gospel does it more perfectly than the law, but does what the law cannot do.

BEWARE. The apostle having presented the Gospel warns them against the results of rejecting it, and as an illustration of his idea rather than a prediction for this case he quotes Heb. 1, 5, from the Septuagint, which varies slightly from the Hebrew. Christ is still working a work in our days; let us beware how we despise any of his works or workers. GOLDEN TEXT.—And we declare unto you glad tidings. Acts 13, 31. The next lesson is Acts 13, 42-52.

While the longest days and shortest nights are present, and men are tempted to work too hard for the bread that perisheth, let not the week evening prayer-meeting be neglected. Souls must be fed and refreshed, or they will grow lean and faint by the way. Quit work a little earlier. Rest and meditate, and get your heart attuned to harmonies that are pitched to a diviner keynote than the earthly needs of this life. Go to the prayer-meeting, not simply to get strengthened, but to help "comfort the feeble-minded and support the weak." Don't grumble to those who were present about the smallness of the meeting, but speak to the absent and tell them they were missed, and also missed some good themselves.

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