

LESSON XI—March 14th, 1897.

Saul the Persecutor Converted. ACTS 9: 1-12; 17-20.

GOLDEN TEXT: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." 1 Tim. 1: 15.



1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest.

2 And desired of him letters to Da-mas'cus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Je-ru'sa-lem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Da-mas'cus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Je'sus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into Da-mas'cus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10 And there was a certain disciple at Da-mas'cus, named An'a-ni'as; and to him said the Lord in a vision, An'a-ni'as. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.

11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called straight, and inquire in the house of Ju'das for *one* called Saul, of Tar'sus: for, behold, he prayeth.

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named An'a-ni'as coming in and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight. * * *

17 And An'a-ni'as went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Je'sus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Da-mas'cus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.