What were these people? Deceivers.
Who led them to deceive? Satan, through malice; evil men through greed.

Where have we an instance? Ver. 16.

What did she say about the Apostles? Ver. 17.

Why was S. Paul grieved? He was sent to fight Satan and so could not accept his help.

What else grieved him? The poor girl's bondage. How did he help her? Ver. 18.

What was the result? Ver. 19.

What immediate punishment did the Apostles suffer? They were severely beaten. Ver. 22.

Where were they put? Into a cold dark dungeon.

What other suffering did they undergo. They feet were made fast in the stocks. Ver. 24.

What occurred at midnight? Ver 25.

How were the prison doors opened? Ver. 27.

Who was alarmed at this? The jailor.

Why? Because death awaited him if the prisoners escaped.

But what was he most anxious about? His soul.

What was his cry to the Apostles? Ver. 30.

And what S. Paul's reply? Ver. 31.

How did ne treat the prisoners? Vs. 33 and 34.

Of what was this a proof? His conversion to God.

How did he confess Christ? By coming to Holy Baptism. What became of Paul and Silas? Ver. 35.

Through whose power are we saved? By the sacrifice of Christ.

How do we accept His salvation? By believing on the Lord, and so loving and serving Him.

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TEXTS TO BE LEARNED.—Deut. x. 12, 13; 1 S. John iv. 18. Collect for the Day.

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I.—How God should be Feared.

What is the teaching of this Sunday? Love to God. But what else is spoken of in the Collect? Fearing God. What kind of fear is meant? Reverent, godly fear. What other sort is there? Unholy fear, dread of punishment. Give an example of the latter? Felix. Acts xxiv. 24, 25. How are we commanded to fear God? See 1st text. What does godly fear imply? Submission to God as our father. To what must it be joined? To love. (Compare Collect; "perpetual fear and love.") Why? Because this shows it is a fear such as a son might have, not the base, cowardly terror of a slave. Who possessed such a fear? Christ Himself. Heb. v. 7.

II.—How God will help those who fear Him.

For what do we ask in the Collect? For God's protection. How do we know it will be granted? He never fails to help and govern His people. What