

GOLDEN TEXT

Acts 10 : 34. God is no respecter of persons.

DAILY READINGS

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| M. —Acts 10 : 1-16. | A devout man. |
| T. —Acts 10 : 17-29. | Peter's journey. |
| W. —Acts 10 : 30-48. | Peter and Cornelius. |
| Th. —Matt. 8 : 5-13. | A centurion's faith. |
| F. —Eph. 3 : 1-12. | Ministry to Gentiles. |
| S. —John 4 : 1-14. | Christ and the Samaritan. |
| S. —Gal. 3 : 7-14. | Blessing for the Gentiles. |

CATECHISM

Q. 18. *Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate wherinto man fell?*

A. The sinfulness of that estate wherinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original

Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

TIME AND PLACE

Close joined to last lesson, Peter still at the tanner's house in Joppa; probably A.D. 38-40. Caesarea, where Cornelius lived, was the Roman capital of Judaea, about 33 miles north of Joppa.

LESSON PLAN

- I. Peter's Discovery, 34, 35.
That God is no respecter of persons.
- II. Peter's Message, 36-43.
God's word to Israel, now made known to the Gentiles.
- III. Its Result, 44.
The outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the Gentiles.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise 562; 81 (Ps. Sel.); 555; 438; 134; 126.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—Who was Cornelius? (Acts. 10 : 1.) Where did he live? What was his character? (verse 2.) Who appeared to him? With what message? Did he obey? Relate Peter's vision. (vs. 11-16.) After the vision, where did Peter go? How did Cornelius receive him? What did he tell him?

34, 35 What did Peter say? Have any a claim on God more than others? How are all saved? (1 Pet. 1 : 3; Tit. 3 : 5.) How are the "good" here spoken of?

36, 37 What is meant by the "word"? To whom first to be preached? (Luke 24 : 47.) To whom afterwards? (Gal. 2 : 2.) Who is the author of "peace"?

38-41 Notice eight points of the gospel. (1.) What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer? (S. Catechism, Ques. 23.) (2.) With what was Christ endowed? (3.) How is His life described? (4.) Over what had He victory? (5.) Who testified for Him? (6.) How did He atone for sin? (7.) What followed this? (8.) What were the complete proofs of His resurrection?

42, 43 What commission had Peter and the rest received? (Matt. 28 : 19.) What followed now on Peter's sermon?

Seniors and the Home Department—Tell about Cornelius. Relate his vision. What was his message to Peter? What was Peter's vision? What lesson did God intend to teach Peter? Describe Peter's journey to Caesarea. Whom had Cornelius invited to meet Peter? In what spirit had they gathered?

34, 35 Where is God said not to respect persons? (Deut. 10 : 17; 2 Chron. 19 : 7; Job 31 : 19; Rom. 2 : 11.) Who are guilty before God? (Rom. 3 : 19, 23.) What alone saves? Which four of the commandments in-

cluded in "feareth him?" Which six in "worketh righteousness?"

38-41 What reports had Cornelius probably heard of John the Baptist and of Christ? What is the Gospel here called? What eight points concerning it here brought out?

42-44 Through whose name is salvation? Who accept it? What the results? How is remission brought about? (2 Cor. 5 : 19; Eph. 2 : 16.)

Prove from Scripture—That Christ will be the Judge of all.

Practical Points—1. Here is the measure of a good man: "devout" (v. 2), one that feared God (vs. 2, 22), righteous (v. 22), his whole household God-fearing (v. 2), a man of prayer (v. 2), kind to the poor (v. 2), well reported of by even those who differed from him in religion (v. 22).

2. If a Roman soldier could be a holy man, anyone can be.

3. How God guides, though unseen! Cornelius needed knowledge of the truth. Peter had it. And God brought them together.

4. Verse 33 is a good verse to take to Sabbath School and church.

5. It is a big world, this of ours, and God has made it all. The person who shuts himself up in his own little corner and refuses to believe well of any other sort of people but himself, knows neither the world nor God well.

6. "Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin, The blood of Jesus whispers peace within."

7. The apostles never forgot that they were "witnesses." They had seen, therefore they told.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Who was Cornelius?

2. How were he and Peter brought together?

3. What was the outcome (a) to Cornelius, (b) to Peter?