Lesson I.

PAUL AT THESSALONICA AND BERGEA

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Acts 17: 1-15. *Scripture Memory, Verse, Luke 10: 30.

Golden Text-Him did God exalt with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour .-Acts 5:31 (Rev. Ver.).



1 Now when they had passed through Amphip'olis and Apollo'nia, they came to Thessaloni'ca, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the

scriptures.

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this

Solvered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Je'sus, whom I preach unto you, is Christotte 4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Si'las; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Ja'son, and sought to

roar, and assaulted the house of Ja'son, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Ja'son and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, cryin,; These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

7 Whom Ja'son hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Cæ'sar, saying that there is another king, one Ja'sus.

contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Je'sus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Ja'son, and of the other, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Si'las by night unto Bere'a: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thessaloni'ca, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those

things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honour-

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.
13 But when the Jews of Thessaloni'ca had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Bere'a, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.
14 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea; but Si'las and Timoth'eus let there still.

abode there still.

15 And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Ath'ens: and receiving a commandment unto Si'las and Timoth'eus for to come to him with all speed, they departed.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jesus' two missionaries, Paul and Silas, were put in prison in the city of Philippi, God sent a great earthquake to tumble down the prison walls and burst open the doors and unloose the chains from the prisoners and set them free. Paul and Silas did not run away when they knew they were free. They stayed till the jailer came. One of our stories told us about the jailer giving his heart to Jesus. Next morning the judges who had sent Paul and Silas to prison, came and told them they were free to go wherever they wanted to go. They staved for a little while among their Christian friends in that city, and then went to a city with a very big name, -Thessalonica. It is now called Saloniki, and this is the place

to which so many of our brave soldiers, who are fighting for us, have gone.

Paul went into the Jews' synagogue or church and showed the people out of the Bible that Jesus was the one whom God had promised to send to be the king of the Jews and the Saviour of the world. He told them that Jesus had suffered and died on the cross so that he might save all the people in the world. Some of the Jews believed what Paul taught, and became followers of Jesus, and a large number of Gentiles, with many great and rich women, gave their hearts to Jesus and became Christians.

Then the Jews who did not believe that Jesus was sent to be their king, made a great

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