

International Bible Lessons.

SECOND QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS.

LESSON I. Paul's Farewell to Ephesus.

[April 5.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20, 35.

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

[Study also verses 17-27; read verses 1-16.]

Acts 20. 28-38. [Commit to memory verses 31-34.]

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Ho'ly Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Je'sus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

Time.—Probably Sunday, April 23, A. D. 58. **Place.**—Miletus, a city of Asia Minor, thirty-six miles south of Ephesus.

Home Readings.

M. Address to the Elders. Acts 20. 16-27.

Tu. Paul's Farewell to Ephesus. Acts 20. 28-38.

W. Elders exhorted. 1 Pet. 5. 1-11.

Th. Strength in weakness. 2 Cor. 12. 10-19.

F. Warning against deceivers. 2 John.

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28 Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which he purchased with his own blood. 29 I know that after my departing grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Wherefore watch ye, remembering that by the space of three years I ceased not to admonish every one night and day with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified. 33 I coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. 34 Ye yourselves know that these hands ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. 35 In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down and prayed with them all. 37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, 38 sorrowing most of all for the word which he had spoken, that they should behold his face no more. And they brought him on his way unto the ship.

S. A pattern. 1 Cor. 4. 6-16.

S. Steadfast in the truth. Col. 2. 1-9.

Lesson Hymns.

New Canadian Hymnal, No. 198.

The Lord is my light, then why should I fear?
By day and by night his presence is near;
He is my salvation from sorrow and sin;
This blessed persuasion the Spirit brings in.

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