

Spirit told me to go. So taking these six believers, whom you see with me, I came to the house of Captain Cornelius. This man told me that he had been warned of God by an angel to send for me, that I might tell to him and his friends the good news of Jesus the Saviour.

"While I was speaking to Cornelius and his friends, the Holy Spirit came upon them in the very same way that He had come upon ourselves. When I saw that God had blessed them exactly as He had us, who was I that I should forbid them to be baptized, and so fight against the Lord?"

Now when the Jewish believers heard this, they could say nothing against what had been done, and began to praise and glorify God for His kindness in giving the gospel to the Gentiles.

AN OLD STORY

This story is from an old Jewish book :

When Abraham sat at his tent door, according to his custom, waiting to entertain strangers, he saw coming towards him an old man, stooping and leaning on his staff, weary with age and travel, who was a hundred years of age. He received him kindly, washed his feet, provided supper, and caused him to sit down ; but, observing that the old man ate and prayed not, nor begged for any blessing on his food, he asked him why he did not worship the God of heaven. The old man told him that he

worshipped the fire only, and acknowledged no other God. At which answer Abraham grew so angry that he thrust the old man out of his tent into the dark, cold night. When the old man was gone, God called to Abraham, and asked him where the stranger was. He replied, "I thrust him away because he did not worship Thee." God answered him, "I have borne with him these hundred years, nourished him, and clothed him, though he dishonored Me, and couldst not thou endure him for a single night?"



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

To walk in the light of Jesus



Primary Catechism—87. Which is the Eighth Commandment? The Eighth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not steal."

Shorter Catechism—19. *What is the misery of that estate wherinto man fell?*

A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did the Jewish believers blame Peter for visiting Cornelius and preaching to him? 2. What did he tell them about, to show that he was in the right? 3. Where was Peter when he saw the vision? 4. What was in the sheet? 5. What was he invited to do? 6. What did Peter answer? 7. What did the voice say the second time? 8. Whom did Peter find waiting to see him? 9. Who told Peter to go with the messengers? 10. What did he do at Cæsarea? 11. What came upon Cornelius through the preaching of Peter? 12. What did the Jewish believers do when they heard that the Holy Spirit had been given to the Gentiles? 13. What is the Golden Text? 14. On whom are we to believe? 15. What do all who believe on Jesus receive from Him?

Lesson Hymn

Though the way may dark appear,
We will follow Jesus ;
He will make our pathway clear,
We will follow Jesus :
In our daily round of care,
As we plead with God in prayer,
With the cross which we must bear,
We will follow Jesus.

Amen.

—Hymn 534, Book of Praise