

12. One may believe the prophets, and yet not act upon their testimony.

13. Many a one has lost his soul by dealing flippantly with the things of salvation.

14. Better have the body in bonds than the soul.

15. The servant of Christ can afford to wait for his vindication. What stain is there now upon the name of Paul? (The Pilgrim Teacher).

#### HOW THE GOSPEL IS RECEIVED.

**WITH** Contempt.....FESTUS.  
Excuses.....AGRIPPA.  
Obedience.....PAUL.

"It is the power of God unto Salvation."

### LESSON V—October 31st, 1897.

#### Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck. Acts 27 : 13-26.

(Read chapter 27. Commit to memory verses 21-26).

GOLDEN TEXT : "Be of good cheer : for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." Acts 27 : 25.

PROVE THAT—The Lord preserves in danger. Ps. 107 : 28.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 100. *What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?*

A. The preface of the Lord's prayer (which is, *Our Father which art in heaven*) teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us ; and that we should pray with and for others.

LESSON HYMNS. Nos. 82 (Psalm 107) 492, 493, 499. (Old Hymnal Nos. 93, 35, 123, 145).

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Sailing for Rome. Acts 27 : 1-12. *Tuesday.* Paul's voyage and shipwreck. Acts 27 : 13-26. *Wednesday.* Peace amid the storm. Acts 27 : 27-36. *Thursday.* Wreck and rescue. Acts 27 : 37-44. *Friday.* Christ in the vessel. Mark 4 : 35-41. *Saturday.* Confidence in God. Psalm 23. *Sabbath.* Danger and deliverance. Psalm 107 : 23-32. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

#### EXPOSITORY NOTES.

INTRODUCTORY. In Paul's time there were no regular lines of vessels sailing at fixed dates for certain ports, but everyone had to take the chance of finding a merchantman which would advance the traveller a stage upon his journey. As each port was reached enquiries would have to be made for a ship which would carry him a little farther on his way. In this manner Paul and his fellow-prisoners were conveyed to Rome. The first vessel took them to Myra in Lycia, where they found a vessel about to sail for Italy and embarked upon it on the famous and disastrous voyage. As they passed under the south coast of Crete a tornado swept down upon them from the heights of mount Ida, and they at first found shelter in the port of Fair Havens. Here Paul wished to remain, but the captain thought that he would be able to reach Phenice, where he could lay up for the winter as the season for navigation was closing. Read chapter 27. Time, middle of October A. D. 60.

LESSON PLAN. I. Outwardly Distressed vs. 13-20. II. Inwardly Comforted vs. 21-26.

13. And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence (R. V., they weighed anchor), they sailed close by Crete. (R. V., sailing along Crete, close in shore). They sailed under the lee of Crete to escape the north wind. It was natural to suppose that there was a complete cessation of the storm, and that they might safely sail as far as Fair Havens, where they intended to lay up for the winter.

14. But not long after there arose against it (R. V., beat down from it) a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.