

LESSON V.—October 31st, 1897.

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

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

Under whose care did Paul sail to Italy? What former companion in persecution sailed in the same ship? (ch. 19: 29; 20: 4; Col. 4: 10; Phil. 24). What kindness did the centurion shew to Paul? At what port did they change ship? Trace their route on the map. Where did the Captain wish to lay up for the winter?

14. See description of a storm at sea in Ps. 107: 25-27.

18. What does this sacrifice of cargo to save life suggest regarding something of more value than life? (Matt. 16: 26; Luke 16: 8). How did Paul value earthly honors and possessions? (Phil. 3: 7, 8). What lesson may we learn from this verse regarding our treatment of hinderances in serving Christ? (Heb 12: 1).

19. Another ship in the same waters was lightened in the same way (Jonah 1: 5). What does Satan say about the value of life? (Job. 2: 4). What does Christ say is worth more than life? (Mark 8: 35; Luke 9: 24-25).

23. On what previous occasions had Paul received special revelations? (ch. 9: 4; 22: 17-21; 16: 9; 18: 9-10; 23: 11). Is there any promise of special spiritual knowledge to those who fear God? (Ps. 25: 14; Prov. 3: 32; Amos 3: 7; John 7: 17; Eph. 1: 9, 18). To what persons is the title "servant of God" given? (1 Chr. 6: 49; Rev. 15: 23; Dan. 6: 16, 20; Rom. 1: 9; Tit. 1: 1; Jas. 1: 1).

24. Some "Fear-nots," Isa. 41: 10, 14; 43: 1, 2). Was Paul desirous of visiting Rome? (ch. 19: 21). Was this promised to him? (ch. 23: 11). Instances of special blessings following the prayers of good men? (Gen. 39: 5, 23; Job. 42: 8; Jas. 5: 16). How many persons were in the ship? (verse 37). Is faith in God's willingness to answer prayer necessary to receiving what we ask? (Matt. 21: 22; Mark 9: 23; 11: 24). Instances of faith in promises (Luke 1: 45; Rom. 4: 20, 21; 2 Tim. 1: 12).

LESSON VI.—November 7th, 1897.

Paul in Melita and Rome. ACTS 28: 1-16.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

How many persons were in the ship? What precautions did the sailors take against running ashore in the night? What selfish and cowardly trick did they attempt? How was it frustrated? How did Paul encourage them all and show his faith in God? Why did they cast the wheat into the sea? Describe how they ran the vessel ashore? Why did the soldiers wish to kill the prisoners? What saved them? How did all get to land?

1-6. Where does Paul seem to refer to the kindness here received? (Rom. 1: 14) What is meant by a barbarian? (I. Cor. 14: 11; Col. 3: 11) What christian injunction in reference to hospitality? (Col. 3: 11) Did Christ forbid such hasty judgments as that regarding Paul? (Luke 13: 2; John 9: 2) What special promise is here fulfilled to Paul? (Ps. 91: 13; Mark 16: 18; Luke 10: 19) What false prophet claimed to be a god? (Acts 8: 10) To what Apostle was improper reverence once paid? (Acts 10: 25) On what other occasion was Paul mistaken for a god? (Acts 14: 11) Where is the worship of an angel forbidden? (Rev. 22: 8, 9).

7-10. Is there a general promise of healing in answer to prayer? (Jas. 5: 14, 15) What promise was here fulfilled to Paul? (Mark 16: 18). Was the "gift of healing" a special endowment of the early church? (I. Cor. 12: 9, 28) In what unusual way was it displayed by Peter? (Acts 5: 15); also by Paul himself? (Acts 19: 12).

11-16. What command of Christ did Paul obey when he came to Puteoli? (Matt. 10: 11) Give other instances? (Acts 19: 1; 21: 4, 7, 8) What is the believer's source of courage? (Ps. 27: 14; Acts 7: 6) In what other place was Paul allowed to live out of the prison? (ch. 24: 23; 25: 3) How long was this privilege granted to Paul? (Acts 28: 30).