LESSON VII—February 14th, 1897.

The Prison Opened. Acts 5: 17-32.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

17. What sect were our Lord's most bitter enemies? Why do the Sadducees now come

forward? What doctrine of the apostles united both parties against them? (Acts 6: 13, 14).

19. How often are angels employed in connection with the early church? (5: 19; 8: 26;

10: 3; 12: 7, 23; 27: 23).

20. What does Christ say of himself in John 14: 6? Where are these names applied to the gospel? (Acts 19: 9, 23; John 8: 32; Acts 5: 20). Give other instances of prisoners supernaturally released? (Acts 12: 7-10; 16: 26).

What indications in the New Testament of the turbulent character of the Jews? Why should the rulers object to being held responsible for Christ's death? (Matt. 23:

35; 27: 25).
31. Both repentance and faith are gifts of God (John 1: 16; 16: 7, 8; Acts 3: 16; Rom. 2: 4; Eph. 2: 8).

LESSON VIII—February 21st, 1897.

The First Christian Martyr. Acts 6: 8-15; 7: 54-60.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

- 10. What promise was fulfilled to him? (Luke 21: 15; Isa. 54: 17).
- 11. On what other occasion was a sentence obtained by suborned evidence? (Matt. 26: 59, 60; I Kings 21: 10, 13). Give other cases of tumults excited by similar false reports (Matt.
- 27: 20, 65; Acts 13: 50; 21: 27-31).
 13-14. What was the true teaching of Christ and the apostles on these points? (Matt. 5, 17; Mark 13: 2; Heb. 8: 13; Col. 2: 16, 17). What had Daniel prophecied? (Dan. 9: 26).
- Who told this to Luke? What other faces shone with a spiritual light? (Ex. 24: 29 35; Matt. 17: 2).
- 54. Where does gnashing of teeth properly belong? (Matt. 8: 12; 13: 42).

 55. Where do we read of God's glory on earth? (Ex. 16: 10; 24: 16, 17; 40: 34, 35; 1 Kings 8: 10, 11). Similar visions of the heavenly glory (Isa. 6: 1-3; Ezek. 1: 28; Rev. 21: 23).
- 56. What Old Testament prophet also beheld the Son of Man in glory? (Dan. 7: 13).
 57. Did the murderers of Stephen really believe that he was guilty of blasphemy and deserved death? (I Tim. 1: 13). By what law did they condemn him? (Deut. 13: 9, 10;
- Lev. 24: 16).
 58. Why did they take him outside of the city before stoning him? (Lev. 24: 14; as also Heb. 13: 12, 13).
 - 60. Contrast this with the Old Testament prayer (2 Chr. 24: 22).