

The Sunday School

BIBLE LESSON.

Abridged from Pelonbets' Notes.

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JANUARY TO MARCH.

Lesson VI. FEBRUARY 8 Acts 18: 1-11.

THE CHURCH AT CORINTH.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.—I Cor. 3: 11.

EXPLANATORY.

PAUL TRANSFERS HIS FIELD OF LABOR FROM ATHENS TO CORINTH—Vs. 1. AFTER THESE THINGS (described in the last lesson) PAUL DEPARTED FROM ATHENS. He seems not to have made any determined effort to stay in that city, probably because he could do better work, be more successful, and reach many more people elsewhere than there. AND CAME TO CORINTH. About forty miles west of Athens.

THE CITY OF CORINTH. The origin of the city is veiled in obscurity. Located on the isthmus of the same name, Corinth commanded by its position the Ionian and the Aegean Seas, and held, as it were, the keys of the Peloponnese. The advantages of its situation were so pre-eminent that it became the seat of opulence and arts, while the rest of Greece was sunk in comparative obscurity and barbarism.

As the seat of a proconsul, as a place delightful for its climate and, above all, as the spot where the Isthmian games were held, it attracted many strangers, including a multitude of Greeks from every part, to which contests Paul refers twice in his letters to the Corinthians (I Cor. 9: 24, 26; 2 Cor. 2: 14).

It contained a population, according to Farrar, of four hundred thousand, but of the most heterogeneous nature possible. It was the seat of every kind of licentiousness and excess. Vice and profligacy here held high revels, with a shamelessness consecrated by the rites of their false gods. Its very name had become a synonym for reckless debauchery.

PAUL'S WORK IN CORINTH—Vs. 2-8. I. HIS FELLOW LABORERS—Vs. 2. AND FOUND A CERTAIN JEW. Paul always worked first among the Jews. They were easier of access at first, through their synagogues and their scriptures. AQUILA. PRISCILLA, diminutive from "Prisca." These were common Roman names. As "Aquila" is called a Jew, but "Priscilla" is not, it has been inferred that she was a Gentile. BORN IN PONTUS. A small province in the north-eastern part of Asia Minor, bordering on the black sea. The Jews were numerous there (I Peter 1: 1), and some of them were at Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit

TO THE ROOTS.

A School Boy Digs Down to Find Food to Build Him Right.

A good, straightforward letter was recently sent by a bright clever youth, which shows his ability to go to the bottom of a trouble and rectify it.

He says: "I attended High School for three years but made little progress. I did not enjoy good health; my food was not properly digested; this caused headache and hence I could not study. I tried taking exercise in the foot-ball field but was unable to stand it as it always increased my headache.

During the summer holidays I began eating Grape-Nuts and the benefit was immediate, the headache stopped, my food digested properly so that I had no more stomach trouble, my general health improved, my weight increased and my brain was clear and bright.

The result was that this summer I procured Junior Leaving and Junior Matriculation Standing. I also took my place on the football team as half-back and played in all the games of 1901.

This wonderful increase in mental and physical health I attribute to no other cause than the nourishment I got from Grape-Nuts. I recommend them to everybody who desires health. I am only a boy of 17 years, but my weight is 148 pounds and this weight was procured solely by the use of Grape Nuts." Name given by Postum Cereal Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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PART FROM ROM. This took place early in A. D. 52.

II. PAUL SUPPORTS HIMSELF BY TENT-MAKING.—Vs. 3. BECAUSE HE WAS OF COME ON PENTECOST. BECAUSE THAT CLAUDIUS (the Roman Emperor at this time) HAD COMMANDED ALL JEWS TO DRESS SAME CRAFT *i. e.*, a trade requiring skill, dexterity, practical ability, especially with the hands. HE ABODE WITH THEM, AND WROUGHT. Worked at their common trade, belonging to the same guild (see on v. 2) FOR . . . THEY WERE TENTMAKERS. Not weavers of the goat's-hair cloth of which the tents were made . . . but "makers of tents" used by shepherds and travelers, and also, according to Van Lennep, by Roman soldiers.

III. PAUL'S SABBATH LABORS IN THE SYNAGOGUE.—Vs. 4. HE REASONED, "was discoursing," PERSUADED "was persuading," KAM'EY, marking the imperfects, translates, "He used to discourse, and tried to persuade." GREEKS. Greek proselytes, for other Greeks would not be worshipping in the synagogue.

Note the two ways by which we are to bring men to Christ. (1) We are to show that his service is a reasonable service, that it is not a matter of mere feeling, but of intelligent choice. (2) We are to use every right motive to persuade men to do that which their intellect declares to be duty.

IV. PAUL REINFORCED BY HIS FORMER COMPANIONS.—Vs. 5 AND WHEN SILAS AND TIMOTHEUS WERE COME FROM MACEDONIA. They had been left at Berea, when Paul was compelled to leave (Acts 17: 13-15.) Paul's friendly heart was cheered by their presence. Timothy also brought him glad tidings of the faith and love of these churches and of their longing to see him, so that he was comforted concerning them in all his distress and affliction through their faith.

V. PAUL PRESSED IN THE SPIRIT.—Vs. 5. PAUL WAS PRESSED IN THE SPIRIT. The verb means literally, "to hold together" anything lest it come to pieces.

VI. OPPOSITION FROM THE JEWS.—Vs. 6. AND WHEN THEY OPPOSED THEMSELVES. The word implies very strong opposition, as of a force drawn up in battle array. It was an organized opposition.

SHOOK HIS RAIMENT. Shaking off the dust as a testimony against them (Matt. 10: 14; Mark 6: 11.) A sign that he was relieved of all responsibility for their failure to be saved, and all share in their character or conduct. YOUR BLOOD IN THE SENSE OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION, BE UPON YOUR HEADS. You alone are responsible. This is not a threat, but a warning, a new effort to stop them in their mad career. See Ezek. 33: 4.

Paul did not entreat, he only changed his point of attack.

VII. A CHANGE OF WORK.—Vs. 6, 7. FROM HENCEFORTH I WILL GO UNTO THE GENTILES. He had done all he could for the Jews in their synagogue. They were stony ground hearers and he must sow his seed in better soil, even though it be near the thorns. And this was the best way of reaching the Jews in the end.

7. AND HE DEPARTED THENCE. From the synagogue (vs. 4) not from the city or from the house of Aquila. A CERTAIN MAN'S HOUSE, NAMED JUSTUS. "He used this house for the purpose of teaching and worship. We may suppose that for his own lodging he still remained with Aquila and Priscilla. ONE THAT WORSHIPPED GOD. That is, a proselyte, not a born Jew. No doubt he became a Christian. Nothing more is known of Justus, JOINED HARD TO THE SYNAGOGUE. This was probably the reason for the choice of this house. Its proximity would make his preaching a standing invitation to the Jews, while, being a Gentile's house, the Gentiles would feel welcome to go there.

VIII. A MEASURE OF SUCCESS.—Vs. 9, 10. THEN SPAKE THE LORD (Jesus) TO PAUL IN THE NIGHT BY A VISION, as at other crises of his life (Acts 16: 9; 22: 17; 27: 23.)

BE NOT AFRAID, BUT SPEAK. As we have seen in verse 5 and 6, there was much to trouble and discourage Paul at this time. See I Cor. 1: 10, 11, 12; 2: 3, 4; 5: 1, 2; 6: 1; 10: 7-10; 11: 18-22. Especially did all these things have double power over him on account of his physical condition.

SPEAK. Keep right on preaching the gospel. HOLD NOT THY PRACE. Keep right on, for you are right, you are doing my work.

10. FOR I AM WITH THEE. "One with God is a majority." When the Son of God was in the seven-times-heated furnace with the three worthies, the fire did not harm them. Paul was like the burning bush Moses saw, uninjured by the flame. So Elijah in Dothan was surrounded by an invincible army of defence.

I HAVE MUCH PEOPLE IN THIS CITY. Paul could not be harmed till his work was done. So a great man once said, "I

am immortal till my work is finished." 11. AND HE CONTINUED THERE, he took his seat, *i. e.*, as a teacher or Rabbi; or he settled down there, dwelt. A YEAR AND SIX MONTHS. Probably the whole period of his ministry at Corinth.

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HEREDITY AND CRIME.

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In the matter of Leonora Gertrude Francis of Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, one of the United States of America—An insane person—and according to the provisions of the Fourth Chapter of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick made and passed in the fifty-third year of the reign of Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, intitled "An Act respecting Practice and Proceedings in the Supreme Court in Equity" the interest of the said Lunatic in—"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the City aforesaid, fronting on Leinster Street, and known and distinguished on the Map or Plan of the said City as No. 486, and heretofore conveyed to George W. Masters by Henry Calhoun and Lydia Jauze his wife."

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Dated at St. John, N. B., the 1st day of December, A. D., 1902.

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