

Lesson IV.

PAUL AT CORINTH

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Acts 18 : 1-11. Study Acts 18 : 1-22. *Scripture Memory Verses, Luke 10 : 30-32.

Golden Text—Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace.—Acts 18 : 9.

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1 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth ;

2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla ; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome :) and came unto them.

3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought : for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

5 And when Silas and Timothy were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads ; I am clean : from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

7 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house ; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace :

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee : for I have much people in this city.

11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Our last story told us about the great missionary Paul standing on the top of Mars' Hill, preaching to the great council of the big heathen city of Athens. Only a very few of these people believed his glad message about Jesus. Paul very likely felt rather downhearted, for he had hoped that many people in Athens would turn from their idols and worship the living and true God. He soon went away from Athens, and went to another heathen city named Corinth, which was not very far away.

Now Paul, the great missionary, could do other things besides preaching and writing letters. Every Jewish boy was taught a trade, some kind of work by which he could

earn his living. Paul had learned to be a tentmaker, and could earn his living by this trade.

Let us look into a dusty workroom in Corinth, and we shall see Paul sitting amongst a lot of workers, with his hands full of goat's hair, which he is weaving into coarse cloth out of which they will afterwards make tents. A man named Aquila and his wife, Priscilla, are working near Paul, and talking to him. They are Jews who became followers of Jesus before Paul came to Corinth. Paul found them out and stayed at their house, and they all worked together at tentmaking. Every Sunday Paul went to the Jews' synagogue or church and told his glad message about

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