

LESSONS.

1. We may get a lesson from Paul's courtesy on his trial.
2. When we know we have done right we need fear nothing.
3. We should always confess Christ before men.
4. We should be faithful in telling others of their sin.
5. We should never put off caring for our soul.

PAUL BEFORE KING AGRIPPA.

24th October.

Les., Acts 26 : 19-2. Gol. Text, Matt. 1:32.
 Mem. vs., 22, 23. Catechism Q., 98,99.

1. Paul and his Preaching.—vs. 19-23.
2. Paul and Festus.—vs. 24-26.
3. Paul and Agrippa.—vs. 27-32.

HOME READINGS.

M. Acts 25 : 1-12. . . *Paul's Trial Before Festus.*
 T. Acts 25 : 13-27. . . *Agrippa's Desire to hear Paul.*
 W. Acts 26 : 1-32. . . *Paul before King Agrippa.*
 Th. 2 Cor. 5 : 1-21. . . *"Ambassadors for Christ."*
 F. 1 Cor. 2 : 1-16. . . *Not Man's Wisdom but God's Power*
 S. Matt. 10 : 24-42. . . *The Rewards of Confessing Christ*
 8. Luke 2 : 25-38. . . *"A Light to Lighten the Gentiles."*

Time.—A.D. 60. Place.—Caesarea.

Felix kept Paul a prisoner at Caesarea, apparently hoping that money would be offered for his release. After two years Festus succeeded Felix. When Festus visited Jerusalem, the Jewish rulers tried to get him to send Paul to Jerusalem, intending to kill him on the way. But Festus obliged them to bring their charges against Paul at Caesarea. Paul again denied their accusations and appealed to Caesar. King Agrippa visited Festus about this time. Festus told him about Paul's case, and Agrippa expressed a desire to hear Paul for himself. The next day Paul was brought before the king and an assemblage of the great men of the city, and invited to make his defence. After recounting his manner of life from his youth, showing his zeal as a persecutor of Christians, and telling of his conversion, he spoke the words in to-day's lesson.

LESSONS.

1. We should be obedient to every heavenly vision and call.
2. God calls all to repent and to do works meet for repentance.
3. God will help us always to be faithful in our witnessing.
4. Men of the world think all Christians are insane.
5. It is a great thing to be a Christian even if persecuted.

PAUL'S VOYAGE AND SHIPWRECK.

31st October.

Les., Acts 27 : 13-26. Gol. Text, Acts 27 : 25.
 Mem. vs., 21-25. Catechism Q., 100.

1. The Terrible Storm.—vs. 13-17.
2. The Despair of the Sailors.—vs. 18-20.
3. The Faith of the Apostle.—vs. 21-26.

HOME READINGS.

M. Acts 27 : 1-26. . . *Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck.*
 T. Acts 27 : 27-44. . . *"They escaped all safe to land."*
 W. Matt. 5 : 18-27. . . *"The winds and the sea obey him."*
 Th. Ps. 91 : 1-16. . . *"Surely he shall deliver thee."*
 F. Ps. 107 : 21-43. . . *"Bringeth out of distresses."*
 S. Ps. 11 : 1-18. . . *"Our God is in the Heavens."*
 8. Ps. 46 : 1-11. . . *"Though the waters thereof roar."*

Time.—A.D. 60, Autumn.

Place.—On the Mediterranean Sea, between the islands of Crete and Melita, the modern Malta.

Paul having appealed his case to Caesar, Festus decided to send him to Rome with other prisoners. Paul soon sailed from Caesarea in charge of a Roman centurion. The ship touched at Sidon, where he was allowed to see his friends. Thence they sailed to Myra, where they reshipped in an Alexandrian vessel bound for Italy. Greatly retarded by head winds, they came to Fair Havens, a place of shelter on the south side of Crete. Here they waited some time for a change of wind. It was now near the close of the sailing season. Paul warned them of the great peril of going on. The centurion and the master and owner of the ship decided, however, to proceed. The wind changed and they set forth. A sudden storm from the north arose and rove the ship violently. Then followed the experience described in our lesson. For fourteen days after sailing from Fair Havens they drifted. Then the vessel was wrecked on the island of Melita. It was totally destroyed, but every one of the two hundred and seventy-six souls on board was saved.

LESSONS.

1. Christ's servants must pass through storms of many kinds.
2. Sometimes we must sacrifice goods to save life.
3. A Christian need not be afraid in any danger.
4. While God has work for us in the future no danger can harm us.
5. A Christian should help to keep others cheerful in danger.

There is such a thing as the Bible becoming lost in its own literature. In the days of many books about the Bible, close and constant study of the Scriptures themselves cannot be too earnestly urged. No lesson leaves, for example, are "helps" that divert from the scrutiny and memorization of the simple Word. The Bible is not the only but it is the best commentary on itself. —*American Sentinel.*