

LESSON IV—January 24th, 1897.

The Lame Man Healed. ACTS 3: 1-16.

(Commit to memory verses 13-16).

GOLDEN TEXT: "His name, through faith in his name, hath made this man strong." Acts 3: 16.

PROVE THAT—We should pray for others. Jas. 5: 16.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Question 85. *What doth God require of us that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?* A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of his redemption.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 155, 38, 62, 71.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* The lame man healed. Acts 3: 1-11. *Tuesday.* The lame man healed. Acts 3: 12-21. *Wednesday.* Christ healing. John 5: 1-9. *Thursday.* The power of Christ. Luke 5: 18-26. *Friday.* In Christ's name. John 14: 1-14. *Saturday.* Signs following. Mark 16: 14-20. *Sabbath.* The power of faith. Matt. 7: 14-21. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. Our lesson gives an example of the "wonders and signs" wrought by the apostles. The time was during the summer of A. D. 30, some weeks after Pentecost.

LESSON PLAN. I. The Wonderful Cure. vs. 1-11. II. The Wonderful Saviour. vs. 12-26. (Read to the end of the chapter).

1. **Peter and John**—These were old friends (Luke 5: 1-11). The hour of prayer—Three o'clock in the afternoon, the hour of the evening sacrifice. 2. **A certain man**—He was now over forty years old (4: 22). The gate....called Beautiful—This is generally believed to have been the eastern entrance of the temple enclosure, the one by which most worshippers entered. To ask alms—As there was no public provision for the poor this was the only way in which they could obtain support (Mark 10: 46; John 9: 8). 4. **Fastening his eyes upon him**—He wished to arouse the man's attention. He looked very earnestly at him and saw that he had faith to be healed (14: 9). 6. **Silver and gold**—The apostles had forsaken all for Christ, and although they could not give money, they could give what money could not buy, healing to soul and body. In the name—By the authority and power of Jesus. It was Christ who healed the man, not Peter. 7. **By the right hand**—This shewed sympathy and inspired the man with confidence. 8. **Leaping up**—He did not hesitate. When he tried to obey he found that he could do it. It was another miracle that he was able to walk (Isa. 35: 6). **Into the temple**—The first use he makes of his limbs is to enter God's

house and give thanks (Ps. 100: 4). 10. **They were filled with wonder**—He was a well-known man and there could be no doubt of his cure (Acts 4: 16, 21). 11. **Held Peter and John**—Clung to them in gratitude and perhaps alarmed at the commotion of which he was the centre (Mark 5: 18). The porch that is called Solomon's—A cloister or covered walk along the east side of the temple area. It was built on the foundation of one of Solomon's (John 10: 23-28). 13. **The God of our fathers**—Peter preached no new religion but the fulfillment of the promises in the old. **Whom ye delivered up**—Before the people could repent they must realize their guilt and therefore Peter speaks plainly to them (Matt. 27: 2, 20; Luke 23: 18, 20, 21; John 19: 15; Acts 13: 28). 14. **The Holy and righteous One** (R. V.)—Whom even demons acknowledged (Mark 1: 24) and his judge acquitted (Matt. 27: 19, 24). **A murderer**—Barabbas (Mark 15: 7; Luke 23: 19). 15. **The Prince of Life**—The source of all life here and hereafter.—The Lord of Life. 16. **Through faith in his name**—The "name" stands for Christ himself and implies all that he is to the sinner. Both Peter and the lame man had faith, each in his measure.

LESSONS. 1. We ought not to absent ourselves from church without good reason. 2. When we pray we should watch for an answer. 3. We can often give what is better than money. 4. We should not pass any person in suffering or trouble if we can help them. 5. Give God the glory.