

LESSON IV—October 24th, 1897.

Paul before King Agrippa. Acts 26 : 19-32.



GOLDEN TEXT : "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven." Matt. 10: 32.



19 Whereupon, O king A-grip'pa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision :

20 But showed first unto them of Da-mas'-cus, and at Je-ru'sa-lem, and throughout all the coasts of Ju-de'a, and then to the Gen'-tiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing to both small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Mo'ses did say should come :

23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gen'-tiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Fes'-tus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble

Fes'tus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King A-grip'pa believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then A-grip'pa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Ber-ni'ce, and they that sat with them:

31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 Then said A-grip'pa unto Fes'tus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Cæ'sar.