

SATURDAY NIGHT TALKS

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**SHIPWRECKED,
BUT SAVED.**

International Bible Lesson for
Nov. 7, '09—(Acts 27: 27-28: 10).



We have in this chapter one of the most vivid accounts of a storm at sea that has ever been written. Luke, who wrote it, was there and witnessed it and the description of the eye witness cannot be surpassed. There have been many great storms on that turbulent sea before and since. The prophet Jonah experienced one on that same ocean, and the Roman emperor Caesar, upon that stormy sea, a century before Paul's day, had warned the frightened pilot, "Steer boldly, thou carriest Caesar!" This historic corn ship carried Paul.

The boat had scarcely left the harbor at Fair Havens, when a northeast tempest burst upon them. It was an equinoctial with the force of a hurricane. For fourteen days it raged. The mariner's compass had not then been invented, and sailors depended upon their observation of the sun and stars. But during that fortnight of awful weather, no rift in the clouds by day or night gave knowledge of their location. Only whistling tempest, the moaning cordage, the creaking timbers, the pounding waves, the roaring breakers, the hopeless working at the pumps, the incessant strain of mind and body.

A Calm Passenger.

Paul sets a splendid example to all storm-tossed Christians. For there are multitudes of such. We have learned not to expect fair weather and smooth sailing over the sea of life. The best of God's people have some times to endure experiences of boisterous seas and lowering skies. There come times when as in this case we are "tossed up and down in Adria," when "neither sun nor stars appear," for many days, and when the best we can do is to "let her drive." Well is it for us under such circumstances if we can remember that the sun shines above the clouds, the stars sparkle clear and beautiful away above the tempest, and the moon looks down as peacefully as on a summer's night, and, best of all, God our Father, stands with sleepless vigilance, keeping watch over his own. Such a soul can trustfully sing:

"I know not where His Islands lift
Their fringed palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care."

The Shipwreck.

Fourteen days have passed and there is no abatement of the storm. Suddenly the cry: "Breakers ahead!" They will soon be on the rocks. As a last resort they drop four anchors from the stern, the cables run out, they draw taut, the ship halts in her headlong plunge to ruin, and just on the edge of the boiling surf the anchors hold.

Thus they swing till day-break when one more effort is made to beach the ship. But in vain, the vessel was doomed. The ship strikes, the planks spring asunder, the boat goes to pieces in the thundering surge. Then came the struggle for life. Strong swimmers plunged into the sea, and breasted the waves, until they were tossed upon the sands, breathless, but safe. Men went under as if they would never rise, but catching a timber, came floating and panting on it to the beach. And when the roll of the ship was called two hundred and seventy-six persons answered to their names. "And so it came to pass that they escaped all safe to land."

A Parable of Death.

So may it be at last with all of us. Out on the sea of life we may be caught in the Euroclydon of death, as we approach the shore. Darkness may lower, and the sun of prosperity withdraw itself. Bewildered by the tempest's roar, we may lose our bearings and drift helplessly without chart or compass. All our comforts may fail us, and the planks in which we trusted may yield and break beneath our feet.

If such an hour comes, may it be ours to face the issue with as calm a spirit as did the great apostle. He was not affrighted. He was the only calm soul on that foundering ship. The future had no terrors for him. He was going home, and whether he went by land or sea made little difference. So he ate his breakfast that last morning as calmly as though already on shore. He said, "I believe God." Down into the seething waters he went bravely, a few moments buffeting the waves, and then kind and gentle hands drew him out of the waters, and helped him up the beach.

So, when at last all our hopes and comforts sink away, and we find ourselves in the billows of death, may we speedily get our feet upon the beach of eternity, while tender, loving hands are reached out to help us up the slopes of Paradise.

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