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THE SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSON.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR APRIL 11.

Lesson Text: "Conversion of Cornelius," Acts x, 30-44—Golden Text: Acts x, 43—Commentary.

30. Peter and six men from Joppa (chapter xi, 12) have arrived at the house of Cornelius, the Roman centurion in Caesarea.

31. "A man in bright clothing" is his description of the angel who came to see him. The appearance of the angel at the sepulcher was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow (Matt. xxviii, 3).

32. Heaven is interested in Simon Peter and how to make him willing to take this journey and do this work. Consider the "all things working together" in this record—the hungry man, the delayed dinner, the trance, the vision, the visitor, and everything just at the right time.

33. Immediately the centurion sent to Joppa. Peter did well to come, and now they are ready to hear the message from the God of heaven. They were assembled before God to hear the message from God through Peter.

34. "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." Thus Peter began his message. God took great pains to teach him his wisdom or eloquence, but only what God had commanded him to speak.

35. "That in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him." This does not conflict with chapter iv, 12, and the great truth that there is none other Saviour besides Jesus Christ.

36. "Preaching peace by Jesus Christ." Made him by the blood of Christ, for He is our peace, having made peace through the blood of His cross. The work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

37. "That word, I say, ye know which was published throughout all Judaea." They had heard of Jesus, they knew something of the way, but they needed clearer light. They evidently knew something of the deeds of the law, of abstaining, of the one living God, and of the righteousness which He required, but they knew not the way to get it.

38. Jesus of Nazareth was righteous and did righteousness. He was God manifest in the flesh and set forth before men perfectly the righteousness which God required of man.

39. Peter was with Him during all His public life and saw His acts and heard His words and as an eyewitness could testify that He was what He professed to be, the Son of God, the Messiah of Israel, the Saviour of sinners.

40. "Him God raised up the third day and showed Him openly." All Scripture concerning His life and death and resurrection had been fulfilled, and that to the very letter, and as He in His lifetime had repeatedly foretold, He rose from the dead on the third day, taking out of the tomb the very same body that was laid in the tomb, having the unmistakable evidences of the nails thrust into His hands and feet and the spear thrust into His side.

41. "Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God." Unbelievers have not seen Jesus since He was crucified, but as many as 500 of the disciples saw Him at once after His resurrection (I Cor. xv, 6), and He appeared not less than ten different times, and He actually ate with them, as Peter says (Luke xxiv, 41).

42. "It is He which was ordained of God to be the judge of quick and dead." He will judge His redeemed at His own judgment seat (Rom. xiv, 10; I Cor. v, 10). He and He redeemed will judge the nations when He shall come in glory, bringing His saints with Him (Matt. xxv, 31, 32; I Cor. vi, 2; Col. iii, 4), and then at the end of the thousand years, at the great white throne. He will judge the ungodly who took no part in the first resurrection.

43. "To Him give all the prophets witness that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." See Isa. i, 18; xliii, 25; xv, 22; Jer. lxxiii, 11; xlii, 34; Mic. vi, 19; Psa. cxviii, 1, 2; ciii, 12, as some of the places where the prophets testify that through Him is the forgiveness of sins as a free gift without any works or merit on our part.

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SELECT RELIGIOUS READING.

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POPULAR SCIENCE.

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