

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lessons in the International Series for December 28, 1902—Review.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.—Ps. 90:1.

CHRONOLOGICAL REVIEW.

B. C. 1451. The sending of the spies
B. C. 1451. The crossing of the Jordan.
B. C. 1451. The fall of Jericho.
B. C. 1451. Conquest of southern Canaan.
B. C. 1451. Conquest of northern Canaan.
B. C. 1445. Caleb's claim.
B. C. 1444. The tribal allotments.
B. C. 1427. Joshua's death.
B. C. 1425. Beginning of period of the judges.
B. C. 1256. Gideon's call.
B. C. 1161. Judgeship of Jephthah.
B. C. 1161-1120. Judgeship of Samson.
B. C. 1322. Ruth's choice.
B. C. 1171. The birth of Samuel.
B. C. 1141. The ark captured by the Philistines.

The lesson objects studied during the past quarter and the golden texts were as follows:

Lesson I.—Joshua encouraged. Josh. 1:1-11. Golden Text.—Be strong and of good courage.—Josh. 1:9.

Lesson II.—Crossing the Jordan. Josh. 3:9-17. Golden Text.—When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.—Isa. 43:2.

Lesson III. The Fall of Jericho.—Josh. 6:12-20. Golden Text.—By faith the walls of Jericho fell down.—Heb. 11:30.

Lesson IV. Joshua and Caleb.—Josh. 14:5-15. Golden Text.—He wholly followed the Lord.—Josh. 14:14.

Lesson V. Cities of Refuge.—Josh. 20:1-9. Golden Text.—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Ps. 46:1.

Lesson VI. Joshua's Parting Advice.—Josh. 24:14-25. Golden Text.—Choose you this day whom ye will serve.—Josh. 24:15.

Lesson VII. The Time of the Judges.—Judges 2:7-16. Golden Text.—They cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distress.—Ps. 107:19.

Lesson VIII. World's Temperance Lesson.—Isa. 28:1-7. Golden Text.—It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.—Ps. 118:8.

Lesson IX. Gideon and the Three Hundred.—Judges 7:1-8. Golden Text.—He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.—Prov. 16:32.

Lesson X. Ruth and Naomi.—Ruth 1:1-22. Golden Text.—Be kindly joined one to another.—Rom. 12:16.

A Carleton City Edition.

Reporter—That's a nice way to make an assignment, isn't it? I'm ordered to get up a column of "Slaughter Statistics."

Friend—Well, I don't know whether I'm to write up the abattoirs or the grade crossings.—N. Y. Weekly.

Gentleman of Leisure.
Mrs. Dinks—Aren't you ashamed to sit around doing nothing while your wife works hard all day?
Uncle Eph—Well, miss, I've tol' her time an' ag'ir dat I'm puffykly willin' to do de shoppin' foh de family, but she won't let me handle de money.—Chicago American.

One Example.
"In union there is strength," said the first passenger.
"Yes, indeed," said the other. "I have been trying for a year to break a marriage tie. Have tried Dakota and Oklahoma both, and we are still united."—N. Y. Times

The End of the World.
Little Dot—I know something my teacher doesn't know.
Mamma—Indeed! What is that?
"I know when the world is coming to an end, and she doesn't. I asked her, and she said she didn't know."
"Oh, well, who told you?"
"Uncle John. He said the world would come to an end when children stopped asking questions that nobody could answer."—Tit-Bits.

The Hog.
"Mrs. Gushington, who called upon me recently," began the conceited and boorish author, "was pleased to say she thought there was no pen more artistically delightful in all the world than mine."
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Lesson in the International Series for January 4, 1903—Paul and Silas at Philippi.

THE LESSON TEXT.
(Acts 16:23-24.)
23. And the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

24. And when they had lain many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:
25. Who, having received such a charge thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.
26. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them.
27. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bands were loosed.
28. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.
29. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm; for we are all here.
30. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas.
31. And he brought them out, and said, Sirs, must I do to be saved?
32. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
33. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.
34. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.
35. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.—Acts 16:31.
ANALYSIS OF SCRIPTURE SECTION.
Healing an unfortunate.—Acts 16:16-18.
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NOTES AND COMMENTS.
Paul at Philippi.—When we left our study of the beginning of the Christian church and of missions to turn back to the Old Testament, Paul had made one missionary journey and was in the midst of a second. He and Silas, with two younger workers, Timothy and Luke, had just crossed to Europe and begun work at Philippi, and here we find them at the opening of to-day's lesson.

Remember that the missionaries, now, in the midst of Paul's second journey, found almost no Jews in Philippi, and no synagogue, but only a very simple "place of prayer," down by the river, which may not have been a building at all. There was a poor deranged slave girl in Philippi, who, because of her strange, wild utterances, had gained a great reputation as a fortune-teller and oracle. They said she had a "Python-spirit," referring to the mythical Python or dragon that was supposed to inspire the Delphic oracle. "Most High God" and "salvation" were both common pagan expressions. In some way her poor, darkened mind was impressed by the earnestness of the missionaries, and she followed them about constantly, uttering the cry spoken of in 16:17. When Paul, annoyed at her calling, and pitying the girl, ordered the spirit to leave her, she lost her power completely, and her owners lost their fees.

Paul and Silas, as the most prominent of the missionaries, were arrested and taken before the magistrates by these men, simply because they wanted to "get even." The charge made had nothing to do with their grievance, but appealed (1) to prejudice against Jews; (2) to the desire for law and order; (3) to loyalty to the Roman government. "Rent their garments off them." Stripped them for the beating. "The inner prison." A small cell with only one opening, and that into the outer prison. "Praying and singing hymns." The missionaries never allowed the sufferings and sorrows of the moment to make them forget their joy in the service of Christ, which was infinitely greater than their sorrow. "The prisoners were listening." Picture the whole scene to yourself—the loathsome prison, the midnight darkness, the perfect stillness, except for the far-away sound of singing in the inner prison, and then the strange rumbling in the earth, the earthquake, the partial wrecking of the prison, the panic of the prisoners and the rushing up to the assistance of the jailer of men with lights.

"What must I do to be saved?" Such experiences turn one's thoughts to serious things. "Believe." This meant, in Paul's usage, to take Christ as what He claimed to be, and to act accordingly, that is, to trust and follow, and love Him always. "And thy house." Paul does not mean that for the jailer's belief the household shall be saved, but that belief in Christ is the condition of salvation for him and them alike.

The magistrates may have been influenced by a further investigation of the trouble of the day before, or they may have connected the earthquake of the night with their treatment of the two religious teachers.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.
How much the Gospel has done for those who are afflicted in mind as well as for those afflicted in body! The Gospel helps one to endure sufferings even with songs.
If Paul and Silas had not been cast into prison, the jailer and his household would not have known Christ. The Gospel so changes the hearts of men that cruel jailers become kind and gentle.
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