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13. Now when Paul and his company...

14. But when they departed from Perga...

15. And he went into the synagogue...

16. Then Paul stood up, and beckoning...

17. And he said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear...

18. Now when the congregation was broken up...

19. And the next Sabbath day...

20. And when the Jews saw the multitude...

21. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold...

22. And they said, It was necessary that the word...

23. For we have heard that ye say that ye have...

24. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were...

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31. But they shook off the dust of their feet...

32. And they departed from them, and went...

33. And they came to Iconium...

34. And as they stood in the synagogue...

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V. 43. So great was the impression made, that the apostles were invited to speak again the next Sabbath...

V. 44, 45. Paul's sermon becomes the main talk; and, no doubt, during the week the apostles taught the Word as they had opportunity...

V. 46. Waxed bold. Spoke out boldly. And it required great boldness to utter a hated and revolting sentiment...

V. 47. Turn to the Gentiles. The first formal declaration of apostles to Gentiles...

V. 48, 49. There was joy among the Gentiles, though not all of them received the truth. As many as were ordained to eternal life believed...

V. 50-52. Devout. Called so because they were Jewish proselytes. Referring to their social rank, as perhaps, wives of the chief men of the city...

V. 53. Paul and Barnabas. Shocked off the dust. As Christ commanded (Mat. x. 14). The disciples. At Antioch, who shared in the persecution. Filled with joy. In the midst of their suffering for Christ's sake...

SUGGESTED LESSONS. 1. There is hope for the backslider, as before seen in Peter's case and now in John Mark's. Though he ran away from duty at Perga, he lived to write a Gospel, and to be "profitable for the ministry..."

2. Yet it is dangerous to make one mistake in the Christian course; and we should heed Paul's exhortation to "continue in the grace." 3. We have, in this Lesson, another illustration of the truth that "envy is the root of all bitterness, hatred, and various evil practices..."

4. To speak plain and unpleasant truth to a congregation, sometimes requires as much boldness now as in Paul's day. 5. The Jews, in the persecution against Paul and Barnabas, showed off the dust. The judgment of the last day will confirm it. 6. Let us bless God for a salvation meant for the ends of the earth. Let us do our best to send it there; for our religion is of such a nature that "the more we export, the more we have at home..."

ON THE HOLY SPIRIT. BY FRED W. EASON. As fully, as space permitted, I speak, in this article, on the person and work of the Holy Spirit and made some reference to His work. He it was who brooded over chaos—who moved upon the face of the waters, and out of confusion brought order, out of darkness brought light; and He, with the Father and the Son, made man in the Divine image to be at once a priest and a servant in the temple of nature...

1. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I do not, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 2. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. (John 16:7, 8.)

3. All this has come to pass. Christ has returned to heaven and amid the splendors of eternity is sitting in his mediatorial throne; and the Holy Spirit, under the charge of the Father, is his representative, is under his government, his management; and not only is it kept in its movement safe amid the order of a "peopled universe," but all of the events in it depend upon him. He influences men's hearts and guides their steps. He controls men's thoughts and turns them as he wills. He keeps the wicked within the bounds of the law, and the just from the law (the Pentateuch), and the prophets (including the rest of the Old Testament Scriptures), they have and he has recorded. If they had any word of exhortation, to speak. To this invitation Paul, rising in his place and waving his hand for silence, at a certain point, said: "Ye men of Antioch, and ye that fear God, have heard that I came here preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven, and ye have seen that I have done nothing against the law or against the prophets..."

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repeatedly informed in the Holy Ghost itself, lies in the demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Without him to apply the truth, to open the eyes of our minds, and to enable us savingly to understand the things that are therein, the Bible is a dead letter.

PRAY FOR THE SPIRIT. I repeat. Every one in the kingdom is born of the Spirit. More. Every one converted is quickened. He is made alive from his death in trespasses and sins by the power of this same Spirit; as much so as the dead Lazarus was when he came out of the tomb in obedience to the omnipotent summons of the Son of God. Adoption into the divine family and reconciliation unto God. What is it in providence, so it is in the kingdom of grace. Everything in this kingdom depends on him. "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." (1 Cor. 12:3.) "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." (Rom. 8:9.) The Father decrees redemption; the Son procures it; the Holy Spirit applies it. He is the infallible physician who takes the penicillin of Gilead and applies it to our souls and without his application of that balm there is no hope.

STANDING UPON AN EMINENCE ON WHICH HE HAD BEEN STATIONED THE PROPHET GAZED DOWN THE LONELY VALLEY WHICH STRETCHED BEFORE HIM. IT WAS AS SILENT AS THE GRAVE AND NOT A LIVING BEING COULD BE SEEN. YET, A VERY SADDENING SPECTACLE WAS PRESENTED. THE VALLEY WAS FULL OF HUMAN BONES. UPON THE GROUND, AS FAR AS EZEKIEL'S EYES COULD REACH, HUMAN BONES WERE SCATTERED AND PILED HEAPS UPON HEAPS—BONES SCATTERED, PILED, AND WITHERED AND DRY AND SLEASY THINGS. ONCE THAT VALLEY HAD BEEN THE THEATRE OF A TREMENDOUS CONFLICT, AND ARMED MEN HAD THROGGED ITS GRASSY GREEN PLAIN. ONCE THOSE CRAGS HAD ECHOED WITH THE CLASH OF SWORDS AND BATTLE AXES, AND HAD RESOUNDED WITH THE SHOUT OF BATTLE, AND THE WALLINGS OF THE WOUNDED AND THE AGONIZING SCREAMS OF THE DYING AS THEY FELL. LIFE AND DEATH HAD MET THERE IN DREADFUL COLLISION AND DEATH HAD WON THE FIELD, BUT LONG SINCE THE STRUGGLE ENDED, AND ALL WAS MOTIONLESS AND STILL. 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