

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Lesson for March 30th)
LUKE, PHYSICIAN AND HISTORIAN

Golden Text. — Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. — Acts 1:8.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson
 "The Apostle Paul speaks of Luke three times in his Epistles — in Colossians 4:14, Philemon 24, and 2 Timothy 4:11. An anonymous writer, referring to these passages, has declared, "Let it be remembered that with the exception of the three passages in the Pauline Epistles quoted above, we know absolutely nothing about Luke."

To us Luke is not such an unknown. His authorship of the Gospel bearing his name and of the Acts has been so thoroughly established, that we who have fed our souls on these portions of the Word of God regard him almost as a personal acquaintance. It is evident that he bore himself with becoming modesty, for the only indications we have of his part in the apostolic labors are the "we" passages in Acts. But it is interesting to notice that these passages include the record of Paul's hazardous journey as a prisoner to Rome (Acts 27 and 28). He was not ashamed of Paul's chain. Paul refers to him as a choice, loyal friend, and certainly the whole church is indebted to him under God for the Gospel which even the infidel Renan allowed to be the most beautiful Book in the world, and for the only authoritative record of the church's infant struggles.

Luke wrote both his treatises to



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one man, Theophilus, who apparently was of noble rank (Luke 1:3) and a believer. It has been suggested that Luke was born a slave in the house of Theophilus, who trained him as a physician, and set him free, continuing as his patron after Luke won him to Christ. ("The Synoptic Gospels and the Acts" by D. A. Hayes, quoted by A. T. Robertson). It is a delightful thought, and not beyond possibility in the society of that time. Both Luke's works were written while Paul was still alive, probably in the early 60's. Some scholars have held that he intended a third

volume, covering Paul's release, later ministry, final imprisonment, and death. We might well wish that he had done so, but the Holy Spirit has not seen fit to give us such a document.

Verse by Verse

Luke 1:1.—"Many have taken in hand to set forth . . . a declaration." Be sure to read the Revised Version for a very enlightening rendering of this verse. Luke wrote at a time of great literary activity regarding the person and work of the Lord Jesus, but he saw room for another work which would be fully authenticated and reliable, and a summing up of all that had gone before.

Verse 2.—"They delivered them unto us, which . . . were eyewitnesses." Far from questioning the truthfulness of these documents, Luke recognized the reliability of their sources — eyewitnesses; and he includes himself as being indebted to these eyewitnesses.

Verse 3.—"Me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first." Again consult the Revised Version. Luke brought his scientific training to bear upon his work as a sacred historian, and he is telling us of his careful research, pushing back his inquiries to the very beginnings of the narrative. Scientific research is not incompatible with plenary inspiration.

Verse 4.—"That thou mightest know the certainty . . . thou hast been instructed." Theophilus had received Christian instruction and apparently was a believer. Luke's purpose then differs somewhat from John's (John 20:31), and aims at assuring the believer rather than convincing the unbeliever.

Acts 1:1.—"The former treatise . . . all that Jesus began." Writing to the same Theophilus, Luke defines his Gospel as a record of the beginnings of Jesus' works and words, now wrought from Heaven in the person of the Holy Spirit, through His servants.

Verse 2.—"Taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments." The Ascension closed the era of "beginnings." Notice the agency of the Holy Spirit in the earthly ministry of our Lord, even after the Resurrection.

Chap. 16:6.—"Forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia." The same Spirit who at one time gives utterance, at another time forbids utterance. We must discern when Satan is trying to silence us and when the Holy Spirit it is imposing silence on us.

Verse 7.—"They assayed to go . . . but the Spirit suffered them not." Our actions as well as our words must be ordered by the Spirit. Hindrances are not always from Satan. Read "the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not" (R. V.). Were not the Bithynians precious in His sight? Yes, but the plan of campaign must be directed by the General, not by a company commander!

Verse 8.—"Down to Troas." That scene of ancient heroic events recorded by Homer in his Iliad was about to witness the beginning of a new and strategic Gospel thrust.

Verse 9.—"And a vision . . . Come over into Macedonia, and help us." A night "vision" may be the result of a too heavy supper, so be careful. A vision from God will always be in harmony with the Word of God, the character of God, the purposes of God, and other indications of the leading of God. See how perfectly Paul's vision stood to this test!

Verse 10.—"Immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia." No hesitancy once God's will is known. The "we" indicates that at this point Luke was one of Paul's company, and proceeded with him to Macedonia.

Col. 4:14.—"Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you." The fact that Paul calls him the physician would suggest that Luke cared for the apostle in that capacity, besides serving as a friend and fellow laborer. Paul is now in prison, but with prospects of release. Later, when things look dark, Luke is still there, but Demas is gone (2 Tim. 4:10, 11).

The Heart of the Lesson
 Luke was a trained scientist. We should not go as far as some and affirm that Luke's vocabulary is so laden with medical terms that it proves the writer to have been a doctor; but having learned from Paul (Col. 4:14) that he was a physician, we are not surprised at the many medical terms used in the Gospel and the Acts, and in other indications of the writer's interest in the details of medical cases. Let us remember that while the Greek

physicians of that day were primitive in comparison with today's specialists, they were not quacks, but true scientists who were laying the foundations of our present knowledge.

When Luke turned to the writing of sacred history, he brought to bear upon it all his careful training as a scientist, and even apart from divine inspiration, that made him one of the greatest and most reliable historians of ancient times. That training now expressed itself in diligent research, in careful sifting of evidence, and in orderly arrangement of his material—all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. But Luke also was a man of letters, and he gave to his sacred task his best culture as well as his best science, so that we have in Luke's Gospel the most polished literary work in the New Testament. The Holy Spirit does not lay aside a man's gifts when He makes him the channel of the divine Word, but makes the man and his gifts the channel. Inspiration does not mean that the man's personality is put in abeyance, but instead it is raised to its highest expression.

You and I are not called upon to write Holy Scripture. That has been done, and nothing remains to be added. But we are called to serve the Lord in various ways. Do we, like Luke, bring to the service of the Lord our best talents, our richest gifts, our finest endeavors, our most careful work, or do we give Him a poor second, perhaps covering our carelessness with the pious lie that we are depending on the Holy Spirit, not on human effort? The Holy Spirit was not given to make up for our indolence. He demands our best, and He will make our best the channel of His power.

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