28—38. THE ACTS.   
 83h   
   
 Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.   
 32 Then the soldiers eut off the ropes of the boat, and let   
 her fall off. %3 And ¢ while the day was coming on, Paul   
 besought them all to take f meat, saying, This day is   
 the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued   
 fasting, having taken nothing. % Wherefore I pray you   
 to take some f meat: for this is for your 8 health: for   
 ‘there shall not an hair 4 fad? from the head of any of you, \*})King |.   
   
   
 35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and   
 ‘eave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when   
 he had broken it, he began to eat. °6Then were they all 11Samn   
 of good cheer, and they also took some f meat. Matt   
 87 And we \* im. iv.   
   
 were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen   
 ™ souls, 88 And when they had eaten enough, they light- m =>!" 41:   
 ened the ship, i and cast out the wheat into the sea. iitviio.   
   
 ® literally, until it was about to become day.   
   
 f i.e. food. 8 render, safety.   
 h read, perish. i render, casting.   
   
 laid out from both ends of a ship.” ib. family (Meyer), but simply asa pious Jew,   
 carried anchors out of the foreship] Be- who asks a blessing before he eats.” De   
 cause in this case they wonld carry out the Wette. 36.] When we retlect who   
 anchors to the extent of the cable which were included in these all—the soldiers   
 was loosened. 31.] “It is surprising to and their centurion, the sailors and pas-   
 find him saying that the others cannot be sengers of various nations aud dispositions,   
 saved except the sailors abode in the ship : it shews remarkably the influence acquired   
 as if it been in their power to frustrate by Paul over all who sailed him.   
 God’s promise. I answer, that Paul is not 87.] Explanatory of all: i. e. ‘and this   
 here treating accnrately of God’s power, was no small number ; for we were,’ Ke.   
 distinet from hnman willand means. And 38. they lightened the ship] Sce   
 of a surety God does not offer His help to above on yer. 18.—This wheat was either   
 the faithful that they may despise means the remainder of the cargo, part of which   
 of safety, and indulge torpor and sloth, had been disposed of in ver. was the   
 where there is a plain of caution... . . store for their sustenance, the having   
 But it does not therefore follow, that the consisted of some other merchandise. And   
 hand of God is tied to or assistances; this latter is the more likely, for   
 but when God ordains this or that way of reasons: (1) that wheat is mentioned here   
 acting, He curbs the inclinations of men and not in 18, which it would have been   
 that they transgress not His appointed in all probability, the material cast ont   
 bounds.” Calvin. 33.] This precau- there been the sume as here; and (2) that   
 tion on the part of Paul was another means the fact is related after we are   
 taken of providing for their safety. All assured that they were satisfied with food :   
 would, on the approaching day, have their from whence we may infer almost with   
 strength fully taxed: which therefore certainty that the wheat is the ship's   
 needed recruiting by food. ... . until it vision, of part of they had been par-   
 began to be day: i. e. in the interval taking. It isa sufficient answer to Mr.   
 between the last-mentioned occurrence Smith’s objection to this (“to suppose   
 and daybreak, Paul employed the tine, they had remaining such a quantity as   
 &e. ‘The words having taken nothing would lighten the ship is inconsistent   
 are spoken hyperbolically, and cannot mean with the previous abstinence,” p. 99), that   
 literally that they had abstained entirely the ship was provisioned for the voyge to   
 from food during the whole fortnight. Italy for 276 persons, and that for the   
 35.] “Paul neither celebrates the agapé last fourteen days hardly any food had   
 (Olshausen), nor acts as the father of a been touched. “Khis would leave surely