

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Text of the Lesson, Gen. xxiii, 9-12, 22-30—Memory Verses, 20-28—Golden Text, Luke x, 20—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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Twenty years have passed since the events of last lesson when Jacob left his home in search of a wife. Fourteen years he served Laban for his two daughters, and six years he served for the cattle he now possessed. By day and by night, in drought and in frost, he served (xxiii, 38-42). God watched over him, as He had said He would, and increased him exceedingly and suffered not Laban to hurt him or to speak evil to him (xxx, 43; xxxi, 7, 24, 29). The story of his finding Rachel by a well and his welcome to Laban's home, bringing tidings of his mother, who left that home forty years before, is most fascinating. We are reminded of Eliezer finding Rebekah at a well, and also of the well stories in connection with Hagar, and the wells of the oath, and of him that liveth and seeth me, by which Abraham and Isaac dwelt (Gen. xvi, 14; xxi, 19, 31; xxiv, 11-67; xxv, 11). We cannot but think also of the well by which Moses found Zipporah (Ex. ii, 15-21), and then of our Lord Jesus at Jacob's well (John iv), and the well of which He spoke which would be in the believer, carrying us back again to Isa. xli and Jer. ii, 13. So the unity of Scripture grows upon us, and everywhere we see God.

At the final parting of Laban and Jacob we have the heap of witness, most familiarly known as Mizpah, by which each called God to witness that neither would ever pass that heap of stones to do the other harm (chapter xxxi, 45-55), which is not quite the thought now associated with the word "Mizpah."

How near heaven seems to be as we read the angel stories of the Bible! And this story of the angels of God meeting Jacob and the two hosts, the heavenly and the earthly, makes me believe that I never speak to a congregation upon whose faces I look but that there is also present a company of intensely interested angels whom I cannot see (I Pet. 1:12; Eph. iii, 10).

The weakness of Jacob notwithstanding all God's care of him is seen in his fear and distress when he heard that Esau was coming to meet him (verse 7), but in him do we not see ourselves and our own unbelief?

His prayer in verses 9-12 sounds all right. He takes the place of humility and unworthiness, acknowledges God's faithfulness and pleads His promises. Having committed the whole matter to God, he then did what seemed wise to him in the matter of proving his faith by his works, somewhat like Nehemiah, who said, "We made our prayer unto our God and set a watch against them day and night" (Neh. iv, 9). Esau would not accept a visible escort when he went up to Jerusalem, but Nehemiah did, yet both relied upon the Lord. We must each give account of himself to God and be careful not to judge others unless it is clearly a case of wrongdoing, as when Rebekah by deceit and lying sought to accomplish what God had said that He would do. I do not say that there was not a large piece of Jacob in all this plan to appease his brother, and I do believe that we must come to the end of ourselves if we would see God working as He desires to. All our wisdom must be swallowed up (Ps. cvii, 27, margin), and the rest of our lesson makes that plain. It might be entitled "God's way of blessing" or "God breaking Jacob down" or "Heb" as clinging to all power."

Jacob, having made all arrangements as seemed best to him, was left alone (verse 23). This is essential—to be alone with God, to see no one save Jesus only. Then we read that a man wrestled with him till the breaking of the day, or, as in the margin, "the ascending of the morning." It is evident that Jacob resisted the man, or the angel, for he prevailed not over Jacob till he touched Jacob's thigh and put it out of joint (25); then Jacob in conscious weakness clung to the mighty one till the blessing was obtained. Not by striving, agonizing, wrestling, but by clinging in our helplessness to Him who giveth power to the faint and to them who have no might (Isa. xl, 29), this is the way of victory.

In Jacob resisting till the morning there is possibly a suggestion that man will never be thoroughly broken down till the morning of our Lord's return. It will certainly be true of Israel as a nation, for it is written, "God shall help her when the morning appeareth" (Ps. xli, 5, margin). In giving his name as Jacob, or supplanter (xxvii, 36), we have another suggestion as to the way of power. We must acknowledge that we are sinners and nothing but sinners, having nothing to plead but our guilt and our need. Then, receiving Christ, we at once get a new name—saint or saved sinner or child of God—with the assurance that our names are written in heaven (John i, 12; Luke x, 20). We think of Abram's new name, Abraham, and Simon's new name, Peter, and the new name of Rev. ii, 17, "I have heard the voice of Jesus. All my soul is satisfied."

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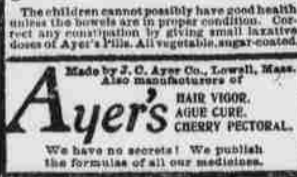
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CONDENSED FOR BUSY READERS

J. E. Arnold, an esteemed citizen of Elkin, died last week from an attack of pneumonia.

Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the Worth Bagley monument at Raleigh in May.

Sheriff Julian, of Rowan county, reports that he has collected to April 1st, \$56,286.40 general tax and \$8,718.60 special tax, a total of \$65,005.

Mrs. Bethe Rogers, an aged lady at Enochville, in Iredell county, attempted suicide last week by cutting her throat with a razor. Her health was the cause.

Mrs. P. Satapo and four children were cremated in a tenement house fire at Passaic, N. J., last Wednesday night. They occupied room on the third floor.

Complying with the will of the late Alexander Dowie, John A. Lewis has accepted the mantle of Modern Elijah and will take charge of the affairs of Zion City, Ill.

Cards are out announcing the marriage on April 24th of Mr. Thos. J. Gould and Miss Annice Wheeler both of High Point. These are two of High Point's most popular young people.

Messrs. Youate, and Schrom of Newton have sold their cotton mill at Concord, known as Catawba Mill No. 2 to Messrs. Sloan, Robinson and McDowell, of Lowell. This probably means the putting up of another mill in Newton.

Robert S. Stewart, a book-keeper committed suicide at Atlanta last Wednesday leaving a note saying he was grieved over the death of his little niec, and also short in employer's accounts \$600.

The Spencer Memorial Committee has decided to erect a hospital at Atlanta for the treatment of railroad men and their families, as a memorial to the late Samuel Spencer. The hospital will be erected at a cost of \$200,000.

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Duncan B. Harding, a native of Raleigh, but who for years has been in Paris conducting a portrait studio, is visiting friends in the State. Mr. Harding is an artist of note and expects to move to New York where he will open a studio. He will purchase a winter home in Western North Carolina.

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MINISTER MARRIES.

Rev. B. F. Fincher United to Miss Dore Patterson at Statesville.

Statesville, N. C., April 3.—In the parlors of the Hotel Iredell yesterday morning, Rev. B. F. Fincher and Miss Dore Mae Patterson were united in marriage, Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine, presiding elder of the Greensboro District, and Dr. Weaver, presiding elder of the Statesville district, officiating. Immediately after the marriage the couple took the westbound train for Asheville. After visiting in Asheville, Spartanburg and Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Fincher will go to their future home at Reidsville. On the night of the 8th a reception will be given the bridal party at Reidsville. Mr. Fincher is pastor of the Ruffin circuit and is very popular with his people. Mrs. Fincher is a daughter of Mr. James Patterson, of Sharpesburg township, this county, but has been making her home with her sister, Mrs. Luckey, at Stony Point. She is an excellent young woman.

Rev. Mr. Fincher and Miss Patterson met each other while Mr. Fincher was pastor of the Stony Point circuit several years ago. They both came to Statesville Monday by agreement and the ceremony was performed yesterday morning at 9:15 o'clock in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

(Mr. Fincher formerly lived at Farmer, in Randolph county, and was transferred to the Ruffin circuit at the last conference of the Western North Carolina M. E. Church. Mr. Fincher has a host of friends in this county.)

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS.

Officers Overhaul a Load of Blockade Liquor Near Albemarle and Arrest Robert Roseman and Joe Bassinger—Roseman a Respected Salisbury Family.

Robert Roseman and Joe Bassinger were captured last Thursday morning three miles from Albemarle, with a load of blockade whiskey by Sheriff J. D. Love and Officer J. E. Kintz. For some time the officers have been watching for the boys and were successful this morning, bringing in one wagon, two horses and a buggy together with nine kegs and one barrel of corn whiskey. The boys employed counsel, waived examination and tendered a bond of \$400 each.

The government was notified of the capture and a revenue officer is expected this evening.

Robert Roseman is a son of Rufus Roseman of Salisbury, a well respected family and has served one term in the government prison at Atlanta for the same offense.

Tragedy in Davidson County.

One night last week, Donnie May was shot and killed at the home of Will L. Pitt, at Thomaxville. The parties concerned were all colored. They are supposed to have been gambling when the shooting occurred. Charles Holly, who is supposed to have done the shooting, is now in Lexington jail, with two hours, implicated in the affair. They got mad over five cents. Their ages run from 15 to 20 year.

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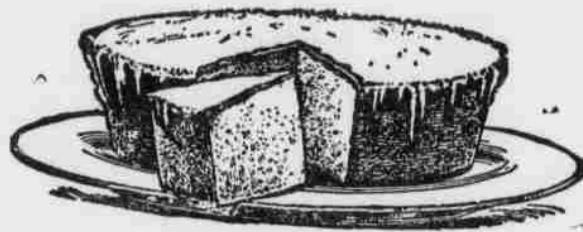
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