

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for June 6
JACOB AND ESAU

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 23:1-11.
GOLDEN TEXT—Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us.—Ephes. 4:32.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Two Brothers Make Up a Quarrel.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Esau Forgives Jacob.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Brotherly Love and Forgiveness.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—A Lesson in Reconciliation.

I. Their Birth (25:21-26).
In answer to Isaac's prayer, seed was given unto him. Before the children were born God revealed unto Rebekah the fact that the elder should serve the younger. God reversed the ordinary law concerning the position of the elder son.

II. Esau Sells His Birthright (25:27-33).
1. It was right that Jacob should have the birthright and the blessing, for it was according to God's plan which had been preannounced; but his scheme to get them is to be condemned. He took advantage of a brother's weakness to drive a sharp bargain.

2. Esau the profane (Heb. 12:16, 17).
Many think that profanity is only swearing, but swearing is not the most common profanity. To be under the sway of appetite is to be a profane person. Esau was a supreme example. He sold his birthright for a bowl of pottage. This birthright was the right of being at the head of the patriarchal family, a position of honor and influence, as well as being the inheritor of a double portion of the father's estate. This being a gift of God, it should not be despised. In the moment of his distress he thought only of that which would bring him some carnal satisfaction. He was willing to relinquish all claims on the future if only his present desire could be gratified. A profane person, therefore, is one who for the enjoyment of the present will forfeit all claims upon the future.

III. Jacob Secures the Blessing (Gen. 27).

1. Esau requested to get venison for his father (vv. 1-4).
Isaac loved Esau because of his venison (Gen. 25:28). He ought to have loved him because he was his son. It is a sad commentary upon a father that his love for his son had such a sordid basis as that of his stomach.

2. Rebekah's scheme (vv. 5-33).
God had said to her that the elder should serve the younger. It was his plan that Jacob should be at the head, but God was able to bring His own plans to pass.

3. Esau's remorseful cry (vv. 34-35).
When he came to realize that he had not only lost his birthright but the blessing, his conscience smote him and he earnestly begged for a blessing, even seeking it with bitter tears.

IV. Jacob Meets Esau (Gen. 33:1-11).

1. As a result of Jacob's cunning and deceit he was obliged to flee from home to save his life. In spite of his selfishness God still appeared to him at Bethel.

2. Prayer for deliverance from Esau's wrath (32:9-12).
He was about to meet his brother, whom he had wronged some twenty years before.

(1) He made his plea on the basis of God's covenant. Jacob came in line with the Abrahamic covenant, so he had a right to plead that relationship.

(2) He pleaded that he was in God's way. We should assure ourselves that we are going according to God's will, then make our pleas before Him on that ground.

(3) He made a definite plea. He told God plainly of his danger. He said, "Deliver me from the hand of my brother."

3. The angel wrestles with Jacob (32:22-30).
Observe that it was not Jacob wrestling with the angel, but the angel wrestling with Jacob. Jacob did not get the blessing because he wrestled, but he was not blessed until he had been crippled and in his helplessness clung to God.

4. Jacob gets a new name (32:27-30).
This experience at the ford of Jabbok wrought a mighty change in Jacob. "Jacob" with his cunning and deceit was left behind and "Israel," a prince with God, entered the land.

V. Esau and Jacob Reconciled (33:1-11).

At Jabbok Jacob got right with God, so now he easily got right with Esau. It is easy to get right with our brother after getting right with God.

In a Trackless Wilderness
Who sees no star can never be stable. He wanders vainly in a trackless wilderness.—G. H. Morrison.

Ill Thoughts Leave a Trail
An arrow may fly through the air and leave no trace; but an ill thought leaves a trail like a serpent.

Tomorrow
Tomorrow I dare not ask; I know not what is best. God hath already said what shall betide.

A LAST TRIBUTE TO A FAITHFUL SOLDIER

On May the tenth nineteen hundred and twenty six, Robert Nelson Hall a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of Orange County died suddenly in Danville Virginia where he had gone to attend a meeting of the Farmers' Cooperative Association. His body was brought back to his home near Caldwell, and on the twelfth was buried at Berrys Grove Baptist church of which he and his wife were founders. A vast concourse of people followed his body to its final resting place, and a throng had gathered at the church to pay their last tribute to one who had lived so long and so nobly. The funeral service was conducted by Dr. G. T. Watkins of Durham, a farmer pastor and a close friend, Rev. J. C. McGregor his present pastor and Elder C. B. Hall a nephew. The floral bearers were his grandchildren; the pall bearers were, ex-sheriff Andrews of Chapel Hill, J. S. Perry, J. J. Lawson, F. T. Selby of Durham, R. B. Holeman of Roxboro, A. E. Wilson of Hillsboro, E. C. Parrish and N. Y. Rhew of Roanoke. The choir of Cedar Grove had charge of the music. "How Firm a Foundation," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" were sung in the church, at the grave, "Home of the Soul," "Christians Goodnight" and "We Shall Sleep But not Forever" were sung softly.

The third son of Nelson Parrish and Nancy B. Hall, the great grandson of William Deal and John Hall of Revolutionary service, he was born January 15, 1846 in Orange County, North Carolina, and his entire life was spent on his native soil. At the age of seventeen, while attending a private school, he volunteered his services and entered the ranks of the Confederacy. He joined Company K, second North Carolina Cavalry, General Barringer's Brigade, William Henry Lee's Division, Wade Hamptons corps, and served successively under Captains Joe Turner, William Graham, and John P. Lockhart until Johnson's surrender near Durham. His war record like his entire life was marked by bravery, courage, faithfulness to every trust, and a high regard for duty. This experience of his early life developed hardihood, endurance, sacrifice and a willingness to stand for right at any cost. Inspired by the matchless spirit of his great chief Robert E. Lee, he absorbed many of his lofty ideals. At the close of the war, like many other sons of the lost cause, he turned his thoughts to the rebuilding of the impoverished and bleeding South. There followed years of struggle, hardship and privation but all these he met with a dauntless spirit and a song of hope.

On March 25, 1869 he was married to Mary Villines, granddaughter of Edgar Stephen Pleasant, founder of the Beulah Association. This faithful helpmate journeyed with him to the end. Her devout christian character, her industry, and her courage aided him in rearing a family of useful children, and in establishing a home where the traveler was wont to rest, the weary and sore distressed to find comfort, and the friendly guest to while away a pleasant hour. To such wives and mothers, to such homes our progressive and prosperous Southland today owes a passing tribute. After this marriage, surrounded by his fathers faithful and devoted old slaves, now tenants, he engaged whole heartedly in farming.

Like Jefferson and our earlier settlers agriculture to him was the greatest of all occupations. Planting and reaping were wonderful seasons. He loved the great outdoors, God spoke to him in the sunshine and the rain, in field and forest, bird and flower. His toil was ever enriched by sweet communion and a beautiful idealism. In his plans for keeping and developing his farm he was an artist. A life of usefulness and a Christian home were his goal, not wealth.

In 1875 he was converted and joined Clement Baptist church under the pastorate of Rev. John Vernon. Soon after, he was ordained deacon and remained one until his death. Also he was made chairman of the building committee for a new church building then in process of erection for the Clement church. Not until that committee was relieved of all obligations did he remove his membership to Berrys Grove church which had been organized nearer his home in March 1888. His deaconship was transferred with his membership and he was elected chairman of the building committee for Berrys Grove church building, entering whole heartedly into this new work. At the time of his death he was intensely interested in the remodeling of this building and in

improving its surroundings. To his church he always gave his best. There was never any turning back in his services and support, no wavering in his faith. To him the Bible was God's inspired message to mankind. He accepted its teachings, believed its truths, and departed this life triumphantly resting on its promises. It had been his stay and support in the thick of the fight and in the hour of trial. He considered man's chief end is to glorify God. The great concern of his life was to see Christians true to their profession and loyal to their obligations.

Along with his devotion to the cause of Christianity was his interest in education. For more than thirty years he was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Caldwell Institute, the old Academy type of school. Along with his interest in the educational affairs of his County as a member of the state Legislature in 1890-1892 he fought for the establishment of a school for the higher education of women. And it was this legislature which voted to establish the North Carolina College for women at Greensboro.

Always he wanted to see Christianity and education expressed in citizenship. Every interest for the betterment of society had his strong support, no consideration ever weakened his stand for the right. This dominant characteristic of his life carried him at the age of eighty one years to Danville Virginia, to fight for a cause which seemed to him to present a losing game—the idea of cooperative marketing for farmers. As often he had wished it might be, he was called in the midst of effort and activity—Suddenly—without warning, but the Master found him not unready nor unwilling to go.

Faithful soldier is at rest, a gentleman of the old order has passed out. Among the many tributes paid him, nothing finer has been said, than when a prominent physician, an intimate friend remarked, "when men wanted to know the right side of a question they always looked to see where Nelson Hall stood."

He is survived by his wife and five daughters, Mrs. N. T. Jones, Mrs. W. R. Rickman, Mrs. H. L. Swain, Misses Willie and Mary Hall, all are deeply interested in the things to which he gave his life—and a number of grandchildren—A Friend.

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Second Grade:
Honor Roll
Helen Cushman, Dorothy Riley, Gracie Hobgood, R. E. Hamlin, Chas. Wade, Edgar Boatwright.

Perfect Attendance
Ezra Powell, Robert Cecil, Carr Moore Bullock, Richmond Frederick, Harold Brooks, John D. Y. Clayton, R. E. Hamlin, Charles Wade, Edgar Boatwright, Marie Spencer, Dot Clay, Caroline Michaels, Annette Cushman, Elizabeth Harris, Louise Featherstone, Gracie Hobgood, Dorothy Riley, Helen Cushman.
Second Grade, Miss Edna Bradsher, Teacher:
Honor Roll
Louise Hassan, Elizabeth Jones, Anna Catherine Moore, Kree Scarborough, Louie M. Satterfield, Lillian Lillian Smith Dorothy Warren, Esther Walker, Joe Doares, Basil Garrett, Charles Greene, Frank Hester, Frank Hester, Odie Day.

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Honor Roll
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Frances Clayton, Frances Wood, Margaret Jones, Rose Ellen Woods, Mary Jane Long, Louise Cecil, Evelyn Zaytoun, Reginald Harris, Mary Shotwell, James Holeman, Alice Smith, Gladdis James, Jewell Oliver, Harry Perkins, Riley Satterfield. Fifth Grade, Miss Inda Collins, Teacher:
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DEATH OF MR. A. D. SWANSON

On Wednesday, May the 5, 1926, the Angel of death visited our home and claimed our dear father, Mr. A. D. Swanson, age 69 years, 2 months and eleven days. He was stricken with heart trouble which did not last but a few minutes before death.

Papa was born in Franklin County Feb. 23, 1857. He made his home there until he was grown, and was then married to Stella Burton of Person County, Nov. 29, 1887, and has made Person County his home most ever since. To this union were born eleven children, five boys and six girls. Two preceded him to the grave.

Papa was a member of the Methodist church, but he liked to go to them all, we miss him so much but we know we have to give him up so we must try to prepare our selves to meet him on that bright and shining shore where parting is no more.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled. His body was laid to rest in the family burying ground at Ebenezer Church. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Bradley, of Roxboro.

Sleep on Father, and take thy rest, God has called you, He knows best, His loving daughter, Laura.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS SALLIE G. YARBROUGH vs HOWARD YARBROUGH

Action for Absolute Divorce. The defendant Howard Yarbrough above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Person County North Carolina. That the purpose of said action is to obtain an absolute divorce; and the said defendant will take notice that he is required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Person County, N. C., at his office in Roxboro on or before the 30th day of June 1926, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said office, or the plaintiff

will apply to the Court at the August term 1926, for the relief demanded in the complaint. This May 22nd 1926. D. W. BRADSHAW, Clerk Superior Court.

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