

Sunday School Lesson

For Sunday
Sept. 30th

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Topic: "The Israelites In A Foreign Land."

Bible Material: Genesis 46 to 50.

This lesson brings to a close our study of the book of Genesis. As we look back over the preceding lessons, we are impressed with the gracious manner in which the providence of God overruled the perfidies of man. Through the faithfulness of his servant Joseph, God was able to convert misfortune into one of the most glorious achievements

ever witnessed to the life of a believer. Joseph became, therefore, a sort of symbol of uprightness, an example of the forgiving spirit, a type of humility seldom encountered.

Visions of the Night.
The word of Joseph's welfare was the greatest news that had come to Joseph through all the years of his life. It was so wonderful in fact that at the beginning he had difficulty in believing the announcement. But when the full picture was presented, he understood and believed.

Upon being convinced that Joseph was in Egypt, the ancient father is said to have remarked, "It is enough: Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die." Evidently the father needed little persuasion to begin the journey to Egypt.

True to his character, Israel, on beginning his journey, came to Beersheba for the purpose of offering sacrifices unto God. Following this, we are told that Jacob was spoken unto by God "in the visions of the night," saying, "I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again; and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes." (Gen. 46).

It is said the darkest hour of night is the time that immediately precedes the dawn. Practically this was true in the life of Jacob. His soul had been downcast and he had been in the blackest depths of the valley when there burst in upon him the glad news of Joseph's welfare and of the provision that had been made for the economic security of the entire family.

Those of us who today walk in the valleys of the shadow of frustration and sorrow need to spend more time in fellowship with our God. We need to manifest a greater faith in God's ability to dispel the shadows and to turn our night of sorrow into the joy of self respect.

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God's arm has not been shortened with the passing of the centuries. Neither has it grown weaker. He still has the power to minister unto us in our infirmities and to keep our hearts in perfect peace, if we will look to him by faith. So gracious is our Heavenly Father in his desire to minister unto our every need that he anxiously awaits our turning to him by faith.

Worthy Occupations.
Even as Joseph had previously instructed his brethren before they appeared before Pharaoh, they were asked this pointed question: "What is your occupation?" And they answered, "Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers."

Here is a scene that is hard for one to contemplate without thinking on the importance of worthy occupations. So many people in life surely drift along on the sea of human experience without giving themselves over to any specific task. Today they will be doing one thing, tomorrow another. As a result they hardly have the opportunity to excel in anything. As fathers and mothers and as preachers and teachers I wish we would do more to emphasize the dignity of labor, the virtue that lies in honest toil. Here was a father who, with his entire family, could say, "we are shepherds." Their fathers had taught them a worthy occupation. They had laid the foundation for self respect.

A certain inner satisfaction is to be enjoyed by one who can say this is my trade; this is the work of my hands; this is my task. Joseph's brethren were able to say just that. Their life had been simple, to be sure, and they had known none of the elegant and ornate trappings of the oriental courts, but they knew something better—they knew God. They had learned the art of earning their daily bread by honest toil.

Perhaps one of the greatest injustices the modern parent does the child is in permitting the child to grow to manhood, or at least far into youth, without learning how to work and to appreciate the dignity of it. In many homes today the children have next to no responsibility until they reach teen age. Because of our modern way of dwelling, especially in the apartment houses of city life, there is naturally little for the children to do. Still, if the responsibilities of the home were properly distributed they could yet share in the program of work.

Because of the lack of this home training many young people go out into life, and especially girls, almost wholly unprepared for the responsibilities of home building, and many boys do not think of their vocation until they are in college and, in some instances, until after they have finished their college training. Whatever one's task is to be in life, he ought to find it reasonably early and then, when the period of training is over, begin to do it with all his might.

The Land of Goshen.
The reception of Jacob and his sons on the part of Pharaoh was cordial indeed. They were permitted to settle in the land or Goshen which was on the border nearest to the land of Canaan. It was a fertile and spacious section of the country and offered the Hebrews an exceptional opportunity for growth and development.

Unto Joseph Pharaoh said, "The land of Egypt is before

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Veterans of the historic 81st or Wildcat Division will hold an all day reunion for ten counties of Northwest North Carolina in Elkin Saturday, September 30th.

The reunion will open with registration at Hotel Elkin beginning at 9:00 a. m. At 11:00 a. m. the business meeting will be held. The veterans and their ladies, civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations and the general public will meet at 3:00 p. m. to hold an impressive memorial service at one of the churches, and a beautiful musical program will be rendered. W. M. Allen, local attorney, will make the memorial address.

The veterans will enjoy a chicken dinner following the memorial service.

Victor L. Johnson, of Pittsboro, state commander of the American Legion, who is also a wildcat veteran, will attend. John Tucker Day, of Walkertown, the District Commander of the Legion, who is a wildcat, will also attend. Banks Arendell, national commander of the wildcat veterans from Raleigh, will be the morning speaker.

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thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell."

On the meeting of Jacob with Pharaoh, F. B. Meyer has this to say: "Jacob must have had something about him that rendered him superior to the greatest monarch of his time. There were two kings in that royal chamber—the one royal with the distinction of birth and rank; the other a wayworn pilgrim, royal with the divine pattern of a noble character. As they stood together, it was shown to all the world that the spiritual is greater than the material; and that God can endow a human spirit with such moral splendor as to compel the world's conquerors to confess themselves conquered before this power."

After blessing Pharaoh (Gen. 47:10), Jacob went out of his presence.

God's Providential Care.
Following Jacob's death, Joseph's brethren were greatly disturbed in the fear that he might seek to retaliate because of the great evil which they had done to him in the long ago. They said to one another, "Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him." They "fell down before his face" offering themselves to become his servants if only he would give them assurance that he had forgiven their trespasses.

The words of Joseph to his brethren reflect the full tenor of his life: "Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them."
To Joseph all that had transpired was bound up in the purposes of God. He believed that it was God's providence working out in behalf of them all. Whatever inconvenience, discomfort, and sorrow he had suffered was as nothing compared with the blessings that had come through divine favor.

If we today who are forced to dwell in the midst of disappointments, disillusionments, and doubts for a season would only turn to God in simple, childlike faith, as did Joseph—we, too, would find an answer to it all that would bring us and others abiding joy.

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