

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR MAY 5 BY THE REV. J. W. HENDERSON.

Subject: Joseph the Wise Ruler in Egypt, Gen. 41:33-49—Golden Text, James 1:5—Memory Verses, 33-40.

Two years have passed, as we are told in Gen. 41:1, between the events which are chronicled in the Scripture that we studied last week and those that are recorded in our lesson for to-day. With Joseph they have been years of confinement in an Egyptian prison. To be sure, he was a man of importance above the men who were jailed with him, he was a favorite and trusted lieutenant of the warders of the dungeons; but he was nevertheless a prisoner. A good life in a prison is still a prison life. Joseph was a prisoner under the dominion of Pharaoh. He was also a prisoner for God. He could unite to-day with Paul in the declaration, "I am in chains for God." Joseph's only crime had been his desire to serve God and be faithful to the social obligations of his surroundings and his manhood. He went to prison because he would rather be obedient to the vision and the call of God than to barter his character and the favor of the Almighty for a mess of pottage.

That which appeared to man, perhaps, to be disadvantageous to the future success and prosperity of Joseph, however, in the providence of God was working and did work out most splendidly and marvellously for his enduring fame. His wisdom as a diviner to the baker and the butler of Pharaoh in the prison leads him directly into the court of the emperor. His explanation of the meaning and application of the queer dreams that Pharaoh had had about the cows and the ears made him a marked man in the estimation of the king. It was the means, for him, of entrance into vice-regal power.

One thing noticeable about Joseph, first, is this, that he gave substantial evidence of his nearness to God. Of course in those days among the nobles of the Egyptian court a man would perhaps be noted as a companion of God for different reasons, so far as outward expression is concerned, than would impress us of this day and generation. The court and the emperor were impressed with the godliness of Joseph because he was an informing oracle of God. "Can we," says Pharaoh, "find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?" Pharaoh saw in Joseph the lineaments and the movings of the Spirit of God because Joseph declared the implications of his dreams with courage, with sense, with conviction. He was impressed with the soothsaying powers of Joseph. His gift for accurate divination caught his fancy and fixed his attention.

That which Pharaoh saw in Joseph and honored with vice-regal favor the captain of the guard had discerned from quite another point of view. That which attracted the attention of Potiphar and gave him confidence in Joseph also influenced the minds of the keepers of the prison and led them lighten the burdens of Joseph and to install him in a place of responsibility and authority among the men with whom he was incarcerated. And that which they all saw we, too, see to-day as we gaze down the perspective of the centuries.

Joseph was faithful to Potiphar because he was the child of God. He was trustworthy in prison because he was in right relations constantly with God. He was able to interpret dreams and to unfold them with prophetic power and more than common accuracy because he kept his senses alert and his whole manhood alive to the ministrations of the living God. Pharaoh was right. Joseph was a man in whom the Spirit of God abode with power. If God had not been with him he would have been overwhelmed with the insistency of the importunate invitations of Potiphar's wife. If God had not given him grace he might have used his liberty in the prison to have escaped to a more hospitable soil. If Jehovah had not vouchsafed to him a more than common ability to understand the mind of God he never would have been able to have predicted the famine that with such exactness came to pass.

The power that came to Joseph in a material way was a tribute not to him, but to the God through whom he was strengthened and his vision was clarified. Pharaoh was no fool. He saw with precision the God behind the man. And so he says, with a philosophy that is beyond question and an insight that is altogether commendable, "None so discreet and wise as thou." For God had given Joseph the vision.

Another thing that is noticeable is that Joseph was not unduly puffed up by the unexpected and unprecedented influence that was so suddenly thrust into his grasp. It might easily have turned his head. But the impetuous dreamy youth of yesterday is now a man. He has seen much of the world and he is cautious. Called to a special work he keeps to that work. He offends none by any exhibition of pride of position. He uses his immense authority for the future welfare of the people. In the days of prosperity he prepares for the coming days of adversity. He shepherds, as God would have him to do, the people under his rule. The lesson ought to teach us that nothing is impossible to the man who lives near to God. It should make us humble, regardless of the heights to which we may gradually or suddenly attain.

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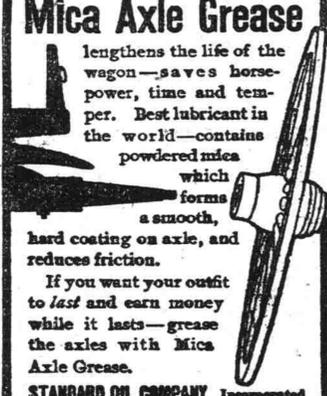
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