

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR APRIL 20

JACOB'S MEETING WITH ESAU.

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 32:1-5. **GOLDEN TEXT**—"Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other even as if also in Christ forgave you." Eph. 4:2, R. V.

We are about to lose sight of Jacob, "a cheat" and we shall hereafter consider Israel, "a prince." While Jacob is not so grand a character as Abraham nor so lovable as Isaac, yet he is much more like the average man. The story of his days of willing service for Rachel (29:20); of Laban's deception and of his prosperity in spite of Laban, can be found in chapters 29 and 30, while that of his return to Canaan is contained in chapters 31-35. Though not included in the selected portion of Scripture, we do not see how anyone can teach this lesson and omit the consideration of chapter 32. We therefore see before us (1) Jacob's diplomacy, 32:1-8; (2) Jacob's prayer, 32:9-12; (3) Jacob's present to Esau, 32:13-23, and (4) Jacob's wrestling, 32:24-32.

A finger tip of God disabled Jacob, yet vanquished he is victorious for God—the angel of Jehovah—has taken from this double-dealing, crafty child that which hindered all that was truest in his life. Not by compelling but by yielding was Jacob enlarged; by submitting he found the throne of power. So much in preparation for the lesson of today.

Not a Coward.

I. The Approach—vv. 1-3. Jacob had just had a vision of God (32:30); why, then, should he fear the face of his brother? Even so, however, he continued his measures of precaution and separated his children into Leah and Rachel and sent the handmaids and their children ahead. Notice how he places his most loved in the rear of the procession which he himself led. Jacob was not a coward and, indeed, with his new-found power he had no need to be. Before he had fled from the face of his angry brother, now with boldness, and yet with humility, he enters the presence of that same brother even though he had had no assurance as to the character of that meeting.

II. The Meeting—vv. 4-11. Twenty-one years had passed, days of great testing but of great blessing before Jacob began this homeward journey. Jacob had learned the "upward look" (v. 1) and his prevailing prayer brought Esau to him in haste but not in anger. Now Esau lifts up his eyes (v. 5) and beholds not the fugitive of old, but a transformed, prosperous and richly blessed brother. "Who are those with thee?" he asks, and Jacob at once acknowledges God as the giver and the blessing (See 32:26; Jas. 1:17.) Jacob speaks of his children as God's gracious gifts. Although this is everywhere the teaching of the Bible, yet how often is it the modern view, at least in many circles of society. Following the children came the handmaids and their children, then Leah and her children, and last of all Rachel and Joseph. At once Esau inquires as to those gifts Jacob had sent ahead (32:13-21), and Jacob replies, "That I might find grace in the sight of my Lord." It is well to notice that Esau refused this gift (v. 11) as a purchase price of reconciliation.

Jacob Astute.

From the marginal reading we see that Jacob's words when urging Esau to accept his gift were: "Because I have all." Every child of God can truthfully say as much. (1 Cor. 3:21; Phil. 4:18, 19; Rom. 8:31, 32.) Thus we see the astute Jacob who had so arranged his affairs as to make gifts or not as might be necessary is surprised, not as at Bethel when he met God, but to find that God had so moved upon the heart of his brother as to remove for a time at least all danger.

III. The Separation, vv. 12-15. We infer from a study of Esau's life that Jacob did not deem it safe to make the proposed journey. "Discretion is the better part of valor." God does not demand nor desire rashness and needless danger upon the part of his children.

There are three main teachings in this lesson, aside from those of the preceding chapter. (1) That in matters of supreme importance in the life of any man God is interested and ready to lend his assistance. Jacob ready to lend his assistance.

(2) There is the lesson that while men with anxiety seek to make plans for the Kingdom it is only as they fully commit themselves to him and allow him to dominate and to guide all their plans that they will succeed in their lives.

(3) And lastly, when God controls, then he has the victory in our hearts and our lives, he not only changes the attitude of our enemies towards us but changes our attitude towards them. (Rom. 12:20, 21.)

REPORT RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF LENOIR GRADED SCHOOL BY A. N. TODD, TREASURER

From July 1, 1907, to April 1, 1913. Audited by E. F. ALLEN and S. S. JENNINGS, April, 1913.

RECEIPTS	
From July 1, 1907, to July 1, 1908.	
J. W. Tolbert, tax col. bal.	\$1023.31
J. L. Cottrell, tax collector	6600.00
State App'n High School	280.00
County " " "	250.00
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Banks—borrowed money	2326.50
Lyceum fund	37.10
Sundry amounts	49.44
Total	\$11815.35

DISBURSEMENTS	
TEACHING AND SUPERVISION:	
Salary of Supt.	\$1000.00
Tot. salaries of white teachers	5735.00
Tot. salaries of colored teachers	655.00
Paid teachers, bal. 1906-07	433.00
Total	\$8825.00
BUILDING AND SUPPLIES:	
Water, lights and fuel	374.50
Janitor	250.00
Furniture and Ap'ts	420.95
Fire escape	198.31
Supplies and Re'rs.	470.27
Text Books	55.61
Total	\$1775.64
ADMINISTRATION:	
Treas. Commission	190.00
J. V. McCall, bal. due on com. 1906-07	139.23
E. A. Abernethy, bal. due as collector	33.30
Taking census	31.59
Surveying School district	62.53
Making up tax books	25.00
Supt's expenses to Nat. Teachers Assn.	35.00
Other miscellaneous expenses	155.02
Total	671.87
BORROWED MONEY REPAYED:	
Borrowed Money repaid	2596.60
Int. on bor'd money	183.28
Interest on bonds	600.00
Total	3379.88
Taxes refunded	23.14
Total	11673.53
Cash on hand	141.82
Total	\$11815.35

RECEIPTS	
From July 1, 1918, to July 1, 1909.	
Cash on hand	\$ 141.82
J. L. Cottrell, bal. taxes	155.02
Banks—borrowed money	1867.30
J. L. Harris, tuition and books	35.55
J. C. Guire, tax collector	6570.34
J. J. Austin, County Treas.	1884.29
J. J. Austin, taking school cen.	22.74
Sundry items	16.32
Total	\$10693.38

DISBURSEMENTS	
TEACHING AND SUPERVISION:	
Salary of Supt.	\$1000.00
Tot. salaries of white teachers	4568.60
Tot. salaries of colored teachers	554.20
Total	\$6122.80
BUILDING AND SUPPLIES:	
Water, lights & fuel	370.64
Janitor	300.15
Fur. and apparatus	304.91
Cement walks	196.12
Plumbing	294.78
Printing	60.40
Express, freight and postage	37.02
Supplies & repairs	569.83
Labor	20.55
Text books	931.35
Total	3085.75
ADMINISTRATION:	
Treasurer Com.	177.00
J. J. Austin, com.	10.00
Making up tax books	25.00
W. D. Carmichael, ex.	10.00
Total	\$222.00
BORROWED MONEY REPAYED:	
Interest on borrowed money	283.50
Interest on bonds	600.00
Taxes refunded	6.10
Total	\$889.60
Cash in bank	373.23
Total	\$10693.38

RECEIPTS	
From July 1, 1909, to July 1, 1910.	
Cash on hand	\$ 373.23
Received from Co. Treas.	2011.15
Received on back taxes	14.82
Re'd. from J. C. Guire, tax col.	6800.05
Banks—borrowed money	1900.00
J. L. Harris, tuition & books	71.00
W. W. Dysart, tax collector	158.90
Borrowed from individuals	200.00
J. E. Shell, book covers	15.50
Received sundry items	21.84
Total	\$11566.49

DISBURSEMENTS	
TEACHING AND SUPERVISION:	
Salary of Supt.	\$1200.00
Tot. salaries of white teachers	6098.00
Total	\$7298.00

RECEIPTS	
From July 1st, 1912, to April 1st, 1913.	
Cash on hand	\$ 40.35
Rec'd from F. T. Sherrill Tax Collector	5559.68
Received from Books and Tuition	470.00
Rec'd from County	2128.96
Rec'd Betterment Asso.	26.90
Rec'd Bor'd Money	2150.00
Rec'd Refunded Interest	110.00
Total	\$10495.89

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TEACHING AND SUPERVISION:	
Salary of Supt.	\$1200.00
Tot. salaries of white teachers	6098.00
Total	\$7298.00

Tot. salaries of colored teachers	
colored teachers	405.75
Total	\$6703.75

BUILDING AND SUPPLIES:	
Water, lights, fuel and phone	\$ 328.14
Janitor	307.60
Fur. and apparatus	230.43
Building & repairs	1227.59
Books & supplies	857.44
Insurance	147.00
Total	\$3098.20

ADMINISTRATION:	
Treasurer's com.	\$150.00
Making up tax books	25.00
Dr. Dixon's expenses	12.00
Error in accounts	1.50
Total	\$188.50

BORROWED MONEY REPAYED:	
Borrowed money repaid	\$500.00
Interest on borrowed money	\$406.00
Interest on bonds	600.00
Total	\$1506.00

RECEIPTS	
From July 1st, 1910 to July 1st, 1911.	
Cash on Hand	70.04
Borrowed from State	3000.00
Borrowed from Banks and Individuals	2050.00
Received from County Fund	212.00
Received from School District	987.08
Received from Tuition and Books	120.05
Received from Sundry Items	21.18
Total	\$14006.35

DISBURSEMENTS:	
TEACHING AND SUPERVISION:	
Salary of Supt.	\$1200.00
Tot. Salary of White Teachers	4525.00
Total Salary of Colored Teachers	650.25
Total	\$6381.25

BUILDING AND SUPPLIES:	
Water, Lights and Fuel	\$ 531.72
Janitor	312.43
Furniture and Apparatus	565.55
Supplies and Repairs	400.48
Libraries and Text Books	201.17
Buildings and Repairs	425.80
Total	\$2437.15

ADMINISTRATION:	
Treasurer's Commission	\$ 230.90
Making up Tax Books	25.00
Speaker and Minister Com.	30.00
Expense of Supt. and Com. to Raleigh	34.97
Supt. Exp. to Boston	50.00
Total	\$370.87

BORROWED MONEY REPAYED, ETC.	
Borrowed Money Repaid	3490.00
Interest on Borrowed Money	530.57
Interest on Bonds	600.00
Taxes Refunded	2.00
Total	\$4622.57

TOTAL	
Cash on Hand	254.51
Received from County	1941.80
Received from Local Dis Tax	6907.20
Received from Outside Tuition	283.73
Received from Sundry Items	96.62
Received Borrowed Money	2115.00
Total	\$11598.92

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DISBURSEMENTS:	
TEACHING AND SUPERVISION:	
Salary of Supt.	\$1200.00
Total Salaries of White Teachers	5491.74
Total Salaries of Colored Teachers	657.50
Total	\$7349.24

BUILDING AND SUPPLIES:	
Water, Lights and Fuel	\$ 514.55
Janitor	245.32
Furniture and Apparatus	147.76
Supplies and Repairs	322.95
Libraries and Text Books	1088.51
Insurance and Rent	23.25
Buildings and Repairs	90.22
Total	\$2432.56

ADMINISTRATION:	
Treasurer's Commission	\$ 150.00
Other Sundry Expenses	65.25
Total	\$215.25

BORROWED MONEY REPAYED, ETC.	
Borrowed Money Repaid	425.10
Interest on Borrowed Money	519.76
Interest on Bonds	600.00
Taxes Refunded	16.66
Total	\$1561.52

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MRS. LARAMORE TELLS TROUBLES

Lady in Goodwater Describes Her Distressing Experience and Tells How She Was Finally Relieved.

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NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of a judgment of the Superior Court of Caldwell County, in the cause entitled H. M. Crouch, vs. T. P. Crouch, Adm'r. of Laban E. Hoke, deceased and Felix Abernethy, rendered at the February Term, 1913, of said Court, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Monday the 5th day of May, 1913, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the Court House Door in Lenoir, Caldwell County, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land lying and being in Lovelady Township, Caldwell County, State of North Carolina, bounded as follows, viz: Adjoining David Poovey, Felix Abernethy and others, bounded as follows, Beginning on a stake in M. B. Helton's line, and runs South 72 poles to a white oak stump; then with J. H. Abernethy's line 60 poles to a stake on the South brink of road in Bost's line (Now Felix Abernethy's line); then North with Felix Abernethy's line 155 poles to a post oak, David Poovey's corner; then West with the said Poovey's line 80 poles to the beginning, containing 33 acres, more or less, being the same land conveyed by deed of Laban E. Hoke and wife Jane C. Hoke to the said Felix Abernethy, dated Sept. 21, 1889, and recorded in Caldwell County in Book No. 22, page 99, to which deed and the record thereof reference is hereby made for greater certainty.

This 1st day of April, 1913.
T. P. CROUCH,
Commissioner & Administrator.

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Pains in the Stomach.