

L. 21. And he called the name of the place Bethel : but the name of that city was called Luz at the first. Judges i. 23, 26.  
S. 20. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

L. 21. So that I come again to my father's house in peace ; then shall the Lord be my God :  
S. 22. And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house ; and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee. Lev. xxvii. 30.

**TOPIC**—God's presence our paradise.

**Golden Text**—And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.—John i. 51.

**LESSON SCHEME.**

**BIBLE SEARCHINGS :**

Matt. viii. 20.	Luke ix. 34.	Gal. iii. 8.
1 Kings xiv. 4, 5.	Gen. xv. 12.	John xiv. 18.
2 Chron. i. 9.	Heb. i. 14.	Psa. xci. 1.
Matt. xxviii. 20.	John i. 51.	Exod. xxiv. 4.

**Outline :**

- I. THE HARD PILLOW, v. 11 ;
- II. THE HEAVELY VISION, v. 12 ;
- III. THE DIVINE PROMISE, v. 14, 15 ;
- IV. THE JOYOUS WAKING, v. 16 ;
- V. THE MEAGER STONE, v. 18 ;
- VI. THE PIOUS VOW, v. 20-22.

Recite *Title, Topic, Gold n Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.*

1. Where is Beer-sheba? Haran? Luz? Of what did Jacob make a pillow? What vision did Jacob see? v. 12, 13. What did the ladder typify? How does Jesus connect heaven and earth? [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.]
3. What promise did the Lord make to Jacob? v. 13, 14. What words of comfort for Jacob in his loneliness? v. 15. What promise has Christ given to his Church? Matt. xxviii. 20.

**Home Readings.**

M. Gen. xviii. 10-22.  
Tu. Rev. i.  
W. Psa. lxxxiv.  
Th. Matt. xvii. 1-21.  
F. Gen. xv.  
S. 2 Cor. v. 1-15.  
Sa. Dan. x. 1-19.

4. What did Jacob say when he awoke? v. 17. How ought the knowledge of God's presence to influence our lives?
5. How did Jacob show his sense of God's favor? v. 16. *His pillow becomes his pillar. Our trials may become, by God's favor and presence, the blessings we may remember with gratitude.*  
Name other occasions where Bible mention is made of memorials erected. [Gen. xxxv. 9-15; Josh. iv. 5-8; 1 Sam. vii. 12.]  
What did he call the place? v. 19. What is the meaning of "Beth-el"? [House of God.]
6. What vow did Jacob make? v. 20. Did God make any conditions in his promise to Jacob? v. 13-15. Is it right for us to make conditions with God when we vow service to him?  
Where do we learn in this lesson—  
1. That the sinner often finds himself with no helper but God?  
2. That heaven is nearer than we think?  
3. That God remembers his children in their extremity?  
4. That heaven and earth are connected?  
5. That remarkable events in our religious experience should be remembered with gratitude?

**SABBATH, March 30.] FIRST QUARTERLY REVIEW.**

**GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER.**

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." Rom. xv. 4.

*Topics and Golden Texts.*

- Lesson 1. GOD THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS BY JESUS CHRIST.** . . . "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God. . . . All things were made by him." John i. 1, 3.
- Lesson 2. MAN'S GLORY AND HONOR IN THE EARTHLY PARADISE.** . . . "Thou crownest him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the works of thy hands." Heb. ii. 7.
- Lesson 3. RUINED BY SIN, REDEMED BY CHRIST.** . . . "As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Rom. v. 19.
- Lesson 4. TRUE AND FALSE WORSHIP.** . . . "Ye are come . . . to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." Heb. xii. 22, 24.
- Lesson 5. SALVATION THROUGH FAITH.** "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house." Heb. xi. 7.
- Lesson 6. THE COVENANT OF A FAITHFUL GOD.** . . . "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." Gen. ix. 13.
- Lesson 7. SINFUL AMBITION REPRISAL.** . . . "He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts." Luke i. 51.

- Lesson 8. FAITH IS THE COVENANT PROMISES OF GOD.** . . . "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief ; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God." Rom. iv. 20.
- Lesson 9. THE JUST JUDGMENT OF GOD.** . . . "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. ii. 3.
- Lesson 10. OBEDIENCE BETTER THAN SACRIFICE.** . . . "And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering ; so they went both of them together." Gen. xxii. 8.
- Lesson 11. FORFEITED BLESSINGS CANNOT ALWAYS BE RECOVERED.** . . . "And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept." Gen. xxvii. 28.
- Lesson 12. GOD'S PRESENCE OUR PARADISE.** . . . "And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." John i. 51.

**Song-of the Third Month.**

God's promise renewed, in a message of grace,  
To Jacob in slumber at Bethel was given ;  
Awaking, he murmured, How dreadful this place !  
The house of the Lord, and the gateway of heaven.

**CHORUS.**

There's a mountain of blessing where shineth the light,  
Of faith in its glory transcendently bright ;  
It praiseth the storm-cloud, though darkly it roll,  
And points to the Refuge and Rock of the soul.