

## SABBATH, March 16.—LESSON XI.—Jacob and Esau.—Gen. xxvii. 30-40.

**Leader.** 30. And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

**School.** 31. And he also had made savory meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

**L.** 32. And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy first-born, Esau.

**S.** 33. And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed. Rom. xi. 20.

**L.** 34. And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father. Heb. xii. 17.

**S.** 35. And he said, Thy brother came with subtlety, and hath taken away thy blessing.

**L.** 36. And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob?

for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? Gen. xxv. 31-34.

**S.** 37. And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him; and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? 2 Sam. viii. 14.

**L.** 38. 39. 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.

**S.** 40. And Isaac his father answered and said, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

**L.** 41. 42. And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother:

**S.** 43. And it shall come to pass that when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck. Obad. 18-20.

**TOPIC**—Forfeited Blessings cannot always be Regained.

**Golden Text**—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. 38.

## LESSON SCHEME.

## BIBLE SEARCHINGS:

[Read carefully, in connection with the lesson, Gen. xxv. 27-34; xxvii. 1-29, 41-46;]

Heb. xi. 20. Eph. iv. 25. Obad. 6-21.  
Prov. i. 28-31. Heb. xii. 16. Prov. xix. 5.  
Psa. lxxviii. 11. Gen. xxviii. 3-5. Rev. iii. 9.

## Outline:

- I. A SON'S DISCOVERY, v. 30-33;
  - II. A FATHER'S DISMAY, v. 33;
  - III. A BROTHER'S DISHONOR, v. 33;
  - IV. THE SUIR OF THE DISAPPOINTED, v. 34-38.
  - V. HOPE FOR THE DISCONSOLATE, v. 39, 40.
- Recite Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.

1. What blessing had Isaac given Jacob?  
The blessing of the first-born.
- Whose was it by right of birth?
- How had Esau given up his right to it? [See chap. xxv. 27-34.]
- How had Jacob obtained this blessing?

2. How did Isaac discover that he had not blessed the son he intended? v. 31-32.

Was the blessing intended by the Lord for Jacob or Esau? Mal. i. 2, 3.

How did Isaac show his feelings on discovering how he had been deceived? v. 33.

3. What had Esau lost?  
Could both brothers have this blessing? [No.]  
What then would Esau become?

The servant of his brother.

4. How was Esau affected by this discovery? v. 34.  
What did he ask of his father? v. 34.

What was his father's answer? v. 35.  
What was meant by subtlety? [Cunning.]

Was Esau penitent? v. 36.  
Was it his cry for a blessing? v. 41.

5. How did Isaac finally answer the plea of Esau?  
He could not give him this blessing, but he gave him another.

What did he promise that Esau should enjoy? v. 39, 40.  
Who overruled and directed Isaac in these blessings?

Where in this lesson do we learn—

1. That a blessing forfeited by a deliberate bargain cannot be regained?

2. That God provides its own punishment?

3. That God overrules men's purposes for his own glory?

## Home Readings.

- M. Gen. xxvii. 30-40.
- Tu. Eph. v. 6-21.
- W. Isa. iv.
- Th. Heb. xii. 14-24.
- F. Prov. i. 20-33.
- S. Acts v. 1-11.
- S. Num. xxiv. 1-19.

## SABBATH, March 23.—LESSON XII.—

## Jacob at Bethel.—Gen. xxviii. 10-22.

**Leader.** 10. And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. Act. vii. 2.

**School.** 11. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

**S.** 12. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and the angels of God ascending and descending on it. Job xxxiii. 15; John i. 51.

**L.** 13. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father: Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

**S.** 14. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth;

and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Deut. xii. 20.

**L.** 15. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

**S.** 16. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

**L.** 17. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

**S.** 18. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillow, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.