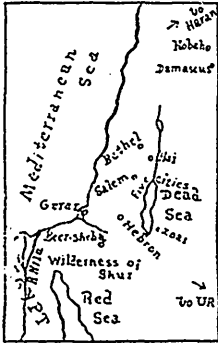


vice. **Fear not.** Isaac would not fight for himself. Nor had he need: God would be his Protector. **For my servant Abraham's sake;** because God's promise to Abraham was meant for his descendants as well as himself. **Builted an altar;** thus proclaiming his faith in God who had given him these great promises. **Called upon the name,** etc.; worshiped God constantly and regularly.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

THE PEOPLE OF CANAAN—When Abraham came into Canaan he found the land full of inhabitants.



These were descendants of Canaan, the son of Ham (see Gen. 10: 15-19), and tribes of other races who had become united with them. The Perizzites mentioned in Lesson VII. may have belonged to one of these peoples of different blood from the Canaanites. The Philistines are spoken of (Lesson X.) as already in southwestern Palestine. We are to think, therefore, of Abraham and his family

and followers, who were descendants of Shem, Noah's eldest son, as living in a well populated country, surrounded by tribes of a strange, and sometimes hostile, race.

AN ORIENTAL SIDELIGHT

Here are three wise sayings from the East:

"A quarrel is like a breach in the bank of a river; when it is once made, it grows wider and wider."

"Blessed is he who submits to a reproach and is silent; for a hundred evils depart from him."

"Strife is the beginning of a hundred lawsuits."

LESSON QUESTIONS

Mention some of the stories of the Bible between last Lesson and to-day's. What is the scene of the present Lesson? Why had Isaac come to Gerar?

12-15 Upon what new occupation did Isaac enter? Where is the land of the Philistines? What return did Isaac's sowing yield? How did the Philistines show their envy? With what other sins does Paul

class envy? (Gal. 5: 21.) What is the cure for envy? (1 Cor. 13: 4.)

16-21 What king asked Isaac to remove? Whither did Isaac go? Who had digged wells here also? Who had stopped them? How did Isaac honor his father? What is the promise to those who imitate him in this? (Eph. 6: 1-3.)

22-25 To what place did Isaac at last come? Who appeared to him there? What promises were given to him? How did Isaac acknowledge God? What does Jesus say about the duty of publicly confessing Him? (Matt. 10: 32, 33.)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Does religion help or hinder one's success in life?
2. Yielding *versus* fighting, as a means of conquering our enemies?

A LESSON FOR DAILY LIFE

Isaac was no coward because he yielded. The peaceable way is, usually, in the long run, the best way. At one time, the cannibal natives of one side of the island of Erromanga were threatening the lives of our missionary, Dr. Robertson, and his wife. Dr. Robertson, in speaking of the danger, quietly remarked, "We went to the other side of the island." The wrath of the natives by and by passed away, and the missionaries could again safely live among them.

Prove from Scripture—*That we should love peace.*

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 49. Which is the second commandment?* A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

The Question on Missions—10. Why has the work in Korea been so successful? It was God's will that it should be so. The Koreans had few beliefs before the gospel came. They are very inquisitive about new things. They are intelligent to recognize the truth. The faithfulness of the early believers gave the gospel a good name.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How did Isaac get a firmer hold of Canaan than Abraham?
2. Describe Isaac's method of dealing with his enemies.
3. By what actions did Isaac show his faith in God?