

cause he was of a higher moral character, the second was his father's unwise fondness for him. **The son of his old age**—Benjamin was younger than Joseph but too young to be much of a companion to his father. When Joseph was sold into Egypt he seems to have taken his place in his father's affections, for in chapter 44: 20 he is called the son of Jacob's old age. The words may mean "a son of old age" i. e. a wise son, and refer to Joseph's intelligence and wise behaviour. **A coat of many colors**—The mummies of persons who lived in the time of Joseph have been found in ancient graves in Egypt dressed in robes which would be described as a "coat of many colors." They are long garments with sleeves, and reaching to the ankles. They are ornamented with fringes and embroidered with colored figures. Who shewed a similar mark of affection to a son? (1 Sam. 2 : 19.) **Could not speak peaceably**—They could not speak civilly to him. In manner, if not in words, they shewed their dislike. Where we would say "good day," they would say "Shalom," i. e. "peace be unto thee." It may be that they could not even say this, that they refused to speak to him at all.

III. GREATNESS PREDICTED. The third cause of envy was Joseph's dreams. People generally dream about the things that occupy their minds most. And the brothers thought that if Joseph was dreaming about being superior to them it was because he thought himself superior. But Joseph does not shew any signs of this. He tells his dreams just as we often do in the morning. The stranger the dream the more we want to tell it. When the second dream comes he is so surprised that he forgets the scowling looks that greeted the first and tells about it too. Tell your teacher what the two dreams were. When were they fulfilled? (ch. 42 : 6 : 43 : 26 ; 44 : 14.) **The sun and the moon**—His father and mother. These are named so as to complete the family picture. His mother was dead and Leah did not live to see his greatness, (ch. 49 : 31). What did Jacob think of the dreams? What wonderful dream did he once have? What dreams did Joseph afterwards interpret? How old was Joseph when he stood before Pharaoh? (ch. 41 : 6). How long was he then a slave? Don't you think he would often think of these dreams and wonder when they were going to come true?

To the Scholar.—Study the lesson carefully, turning up the marginal references and reading the "Daily Portions." Then close your Bible and try to answer in writing the questions following *without accepting aid from any quarter* after you have begun to write. Then bring this leaflet to Sabbath School with you on the day of its date. If you cannot come, fill out the blank and send the leaflet (with the answers written out) to your teacher by some friend, or by mail, and you will receive credit for the work done as if you had been present. If your excuse is satisfactory, you will not lose in record of attendance.

- 1—In what part of Canaan was Jacob residing? (3)
- 2—Who were the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah? (4)
- 3—What mark of special favor did Jacob shew to Joseph? (3)
- 4—What were the three reasons why the brothers hated Joseph? (6)
- 5—What did his dreams predict? (4)
- 6—When were they fulfilled? (5)

Name,

Dear Teacher,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed to memory verses in addition to the Golden Text, and Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to I was at church
I send with this my Weekly Offering of cents.