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**Sunday School Lesson.**

**LESSON VIII.—NOVEMBER 21, 1880**

**JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS.—Gen. 44: 18-34; 45: 1-8.**

**LESSON-PLAN.**

**JUDAH'S APPEAL.**—What led to it? (The charge against Benjamin, and the expressed determination of the governor to keep him a prisoner.) Judah had made himself surety for Benjamin (v. 32; 43: 9); therefore he became the spokesman on his behalf. It is a most impressive scene which is thus brought before us. The teacher should endeavor to picture it to the scholars—the brothers full of consternation and anxiety—Benjamin trembling with terror—the governor stern and unbending—Judah pleading with broken utterance, etc. This appeal is full of pathos, and it is not surprising that it produced the effect which it did on Joseph's heart. It reflects great credit upon Judah. He was better than the others when they laid violent hands on Joseph; but it was at his suggestion he was sold into slavery. During all the intervening years he had watched the grief of his father, and no doubt had repented of the part that he took in that great crime. And now he appears altogether to advantage. He is faithful to his pledge to his father, and does the utmost to obtain Benjamin's release, offering himself as a bondsman in his place. Every word of this appeal—recounting so pathetically all the circumstances, describing his father's grief at the loss of Joseph, and his anxiety about Benjamin, depicting the consequences to his aged father if they returned without Benjamin—every word of it went straight to Joseph's heart. It is no wonder that he could no longer refrain himself. But it not only touched Joseph's heart, it showed that the purpose he had in view in subjecting his brethren to these severe tests was accomplished. The effect was produced which he intended to produce, and the moment had come when it would be right and wise to reveal himself to them.

**II. THE REVELATION.**—Joseph did not make it until he had secured privacy. Though his heart was bursting, he did not lose his presence of mind. What wonderful self-control he had. That is a sign of true greatness. But it is a quality which is not always or only a natural gift; it may be acquired, and it is worth taking trouble to acquire. Only those who possess it are fit for great, trying and responsible positions. It was not fitting that there should be any Egyptian eye-witness to the scene; Joseph did not want to proclaim to the Egyptians his brethren's cruel conduct to himself. It was to prevent this and out of consideration for their feelings more than his own that he sent every one away. Then he gave full vent to his feelings, and as soon as his tears and sobs would let him, made the startling declaration, *I am Joseph*. How astonished they must have been. But their astonishment quickly gave place to terror (v. 3). If this great man, the governor of Egypt, were Joseph, their case was worse than they thought it was. They might not have much ground to hope for consideration and compassion from a stranger; but they could have none if the supposed stranger were a deeply-wronged and cruelly-used brother. What a comment this incident is on a text which was not written until long after (Numb. 32: 23). They had hardened their hearts against the cries of their young brother fifteen years before (chap. 42: 21), and now he stands before them governor of Egypt, and they are at his mercy as much as he was at theirs on that former occasion. It is no wonder that they were troubled and could not answer him. Let us take warning. Our sins will rise up against us when we least expect it. Well will it be for us if we find mercy in that hour as they did.

**III. THE RECONCILIATION.**—Instead of ordering them from his presence into confinement, and sentencing them to death, as they deserved, and, no doubt, they expected, Joseph gave the gracious invitation, *Come near to me!* This must have astonished them as much as the revelation. And then the deeply-injured brother proceeds to allay their fears and quiet their agitation by showing them how God had overruled their sinful conduct for good. He would now turn toward that which had sent him into Egypt. God had sent him thither to preserve life—the lives of multitudes who would otherwise have died of starvation—and, above all, their lives, and that of his aged father. Here we see Joseph's pity again exemplified—*God had done it all*. He acknowledged the Lord in all his ways. What an example of noble magnanimity, of a forgiving spirit, of returning good for evil, does Joseph's conduct toward his brethren present to us. Though the reading for our Lesson does not extend to the whole chapter, we cannot help going on, and seeing how he lavishes favours upon them. Had he simply allowed them to return to their own country in safety, and reserved his favours for his father and Benjamin, it would have been generous. But he includes them all in his kind intentions and plans. Never was forgiveness more full and free. "In the history of Joseph we have one of the noblest and most instructive life-lessons of Scripture. It is only excelled by that embodied in the life of our Lord himself."

**BANANAS.**

Few people who see bananas hanging in fruit stores think of them as more than a tropical luxury. In fact they are a staple article of food in some parts of the world; and, according to Humboldt, an acre of bananas will produce as much food for a man as twenty-five acres of wheat. It is the ease with which bananas are grown that is the great obstacle to civilization in some tropical countries. It is so easy to get a living without work that no effort will ever be made, and the men become lazy and intolerably shiftless. All that is needed is to stick a cutting. It

will ripen its fruit in twelve or thirteen months, without further care, each plant having from seventy-five to one hundred and twenty-five bananas; and when that dies down, after fruiting, new shoots spring up to take its place. In regions where no frost ever reaches, bananas are found in all stages of growth, ripening their fruit every day and every month in the year. Colonel Whitner, near Salt Lake, Florida, has probably the largest banana plantation in the United States, containing nearly 10,000 plants in bearing. Some of these are larger trees, which do not die after bearing their fruit; but the majority are of the dwarf species, which are renewed every year. Slips are planted about eight feet apart, and rapidly push up leaves disclosing six or eight small bananas behind this protection. Some plants will have sixteen or twenty leaves and bunches of fruit bending over as it ripens, forming a most beautiful sight.

**The House and Farm**

Soak salt mackerel over night, after washing them carefully in plenty of cold water; lay them in a dripping-pan, cover with hot water, and bake till tender; drain from the water, and serve hot with butter gravy.

**MILK TOAST.**—Cut your bread rather thick, about three quarters of an inch, allowing a slice for each person; toast it quickly before a bright fire to a rich brown; dip lightly in boiling water; butter each slice and pile in the bowl it is to be served in; for five persons take a quart of milk, boil with a teaspoon of salt, and when at the full boil add a heaping tablespoonful of butter, creamed with a light one of flour; stir the milk until it is as thick as cream; pour over the toast and serve immediately.

Apples should not be kept in the cellar until hard freezing arrives. They should be packed in clean, new barrels, and stored in some shed or covered with boards, exposed to the atmosphere for several weeks after picking, then removed to the grain barn away from the smell of the stables, and allowed to remain as long as possible and not be frozen. We throw stalks or straw over the barrels, and often defer placing them in the cellar until late in December. The fruit cellar should be darkened and kept as cool as possible and not freeze. Place the barrels on their sides with strips of wood between them and the cellar bottom, and do not open or move until wanted for use. If the cellar is free from the scent of vegetables when the barrels are opened, a rich, tempting perfume will arise. Most cellars are too warm for the storing of fruit.

We don't think that farmers set as much value upon forest leaves as they should do. They possess many good qualities. They have a pleasant smell, absorb the moisture, and through the winter are converted into excellent manure. They can be most conveniently gathered after the first snow, or at least before the winter blasts have scattered them. They then lie compactly, and being moist can be handled with great facility. A cart with a few standards stuck in the sides will hold a considerable quantity, and the best thing to gather them or load them with is a hay rake. A wooden four-tined straw-fork is also very handy when the leaves are moist. They can be gathered, too, when other labor about the farm is slack. There are leaves, also, about the garden and orchards that should be gathered and used. They are good for covering vines, cabbage and half-hardy shrubbery after being laid down. They do not admit much moisture, and are an excellent protection against frost.—*Grandmother's Telegraph*

Careful investigations by English scientists seem to leave no room to doubt that a close connection exists between diphtheria and diptheria. In several cases where diphtheria had broken out with great violence examination showed that the disease originated in houses which stood near a river, with the subsoil very near the surface, or under the shadows of trees so dense as to cause a stagnation of air with consequent dampness. When the trees were thinned out, and proper sanitary improvements introduced, the disease ceased, and has not appeared since.

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