

FROM THE PLATFORM

A Story of Two Victories

Tell the scholars that the lesson contains *A Story of Two Victories* (Write). Bring out, by questions, the main points in the account of the separation of Abram and Lot,—the increase of their flocks and herds, which made it difficult for them to remain together, the strife between the herdsmen, which became the immediate cause of the separation, Abram's wonderful offer to Lot, and Lot's choice. Ask the scholars to tell you what sort of man Abram showed himself to be. They will readily answer: "An unselfish man." Follow up with the question: "What victory had he to win before he could act as he did?" It will not be difficult to get the answer that he had to win a victory over selfishness. Next, bring out the story of Lot's being taken prisoner by his enemies, and of how Abram got his servants together and rescued Lot. This, of course, was the second of the two victories. Start the question, "Which was the greater victory of the two?" and press home the teaching that the most important victory one can win is the victory over self.

Lesson III.

ABRAHAM GIVING ISAAC TO GOD

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Genesis 22 : 1-14. Scripture Memory Verses.

GOLDEN TEXT—I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life.—1 Samuel 1 : 11.

1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did ¹tempt A'braham, and said unto him, A'braham : and he said, ²Behold, *here I am*.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only ³son I'saac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Mori'ah ; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And A'braham rose ⁴up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men ⁵with him, and I'saac his son, and ⁶claved the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 ⁷Then on the third day A'braham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And A'braham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass ; and I and the lad will go yonder and ⁸worship, and come again to you.

6 And A'braham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon I'saac his son ; and he took ⁹the fire in his hand, and a knife ; and they went both of them together.

7 And I'saac spake unto A'braham his father, and said, My father : and he said, Here *am I*, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood : but where is the lamb for a burnt offering ?

8 And A'braham said, ¹⁰My son, God will provide himself ¹¹a lamb for a burnt offering ¹²: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of ; and A'braham built ¹³an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound I'saac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And A'braham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, A'braham, A'braham : and he said, Here *am I*.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him : for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from me.

13 And A'braham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in ¹⁴a thicket by his horns : and A'braham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14 And A'braham called the name of that place Jeho'vah-j'i'reh : as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be ¹⁵seen.

Revised Version—¹prove ; ²Here am I ; ³son, whom thou lovest, even Isaac ; ⁴Omit up ; ⁵he ; ⁶Omit Then ; ⁷we will worship ; ⁸in his hand the fire and the knife ; ⁹Omit My son ; ¹⁰the ; ¹¹my son ; ¹²provided.

LESSON PLAN

- I. Faith Tested, 1, 2.
- II. Faith Victorious, 3-10.
- III. Faith Rewarded, 11-14.

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—Isaac given to Abraham, Gen. 21 : 1-12. T.—

Abraham giving Isaac to God, Gen. 22 : 1-14. W.—God blessing Abraham, Gen. 15 : 4-6 ; 22 : 15-19. Th.—Giving God our best, Matt. 10 : 37-42. F.—Hannah prays for a son, 1 Sam. 1 : 9-18. S.—Hannah giving Samuel to God, 1 Sam. 1 : 19-28. S.—Taking up our cross, Luke 14 : 25-35.

Primary Catechism—Ques. 118. Has this com-