

surely do thee good—This is Jacob's version of "I am with thee and will keep thee." Read the verses left out of our lesson. Jacob prepared a present for his brother, and sent all the company over the brook. He then returned to the north side to be alone for a little while. Then the mysterious scene described in the following verses occurred.

II. JACOB'S PERSISTENCE. 24. There wrestled a man with him.—In verse 30 Jacob calls him "God," and in Hos. 12: 4, 5 he is called "the angel," i. e. the Angel of the covenant, which is the name of Christ in the Old Testament. Jacob had not yet made a complete sacrifice of himself and his plans to God. He thought that he did something, and God did something; that he only needed God's help when he could not help himself. Christ came to teach him in this way that he could do nothing, and that God did everything. It was not his clever plans but God's protection that made him safe and prosperous. He touched the hollow of his thigh.—The Angel allowed Jacob to struggle for a long time, and perhaps fancy that he was going to prove the best wrestler. Then he just touched him, and the self-sufficient Jacob saw how foolish he had been in fighting against God. Omnipotence did not need his help, and Omnipotence could not be hindered by his opposition. His whole past life had been a wrestle with God, although he did not know it. Now he gives up striving and only asks for a blessing. I will not let thee go—He now prays as earnestly as he had wrestled. Read Matt. 15: 22-28; Luke 24: 28; 2 Cor. 12: 9, 10.

III. JACOB'S PRINCELY NAME. 27, 28. Jacob—"supplanter," (ch. 25: 26; 27, 36) Israel—"a prince of God," a soldier prince. He was a new man. 2 Cor. 5: 17. He could now say Ps. 56: 11. 29. Thy name—See Judges 13: 18; Isa. 9: 6. Jacob got better than he asked for. He wanted to be able to say who his mysterious antagonist was, and he got a blessing that brought him closer to God, and His heart of unfathomable love. Jer. 9: 23, 24. In this way we should know Christ. John 17: 3; 1 John 5: 11. Peniel—Compare John 1: 18; Ex. 33: 20. No mortal could endure the sight of God's glory. But we see him in the person of Jesus. The highest bliss of the redeemed in heaven is seeing God, Rev. 22: 4. If we do not love to gaze on the face of Christ, God manifest in the flesh, we shall never look on the unveiled face of his Father.

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 a tid 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.—Why did Jacob fear Esau? (6)
- 2.—For what did he pray? (6)
- 3.—Who wrestled with him? (3)
- 4.—What put an end to the contest? (3)
- 5.—For what did Jacob entreat? (3)
- 6.—What is the meaning of "Jacob"? of "Israel"? (4)

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 Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to I was at church

I send with this my Weekly Offering of cents.