

The Sunday School

BIBLE LESSON.

Abridged from Peloubet's Notes.

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JULY TO SEPTEMBER.

JACOB, A PRINCE WITH GOD.

Lesson XI. Sep. 15. Genesis 32: 1-32.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Men ought always to pray and not to faint.—Luke 18: 1.

EXPLANATORY.

III. THE HEAVENLY ANTAGONIST.—Vs. 24-26. 24. AND JACOB WAS LEFT ALONE. Before him was the lord of the Jebbok, over which his goods and retinue had been transported during the anxious hours preceding. Its name means the turbulent stream,—a most appropriate word, used again in the word translated "wrestled" in this verse. It tumbles down through rocky ravines to the Jordan. AND THERE WRESTLED A MAN WITH HIM UNTIL THE BREAKING OF THE DAY. At first Jacob might have thought that Esau, his strongest brother, had sent some assassin to slay him; but he soon discovered his error. There was Some One, other than Esau, to be propitiated. The event has its parallel, not in our prayers, however earnest, but in the griefs, the disgraces, the fears, the penalties, with which God tries to show us our sin, and drive us from our self-confidence into dependence on himself.

25. HE TOUCHED THE HOLLOW OF HIS THIGH: AND THE HOLLOW OF JACOB'S THIGH WAS OUT OF JOINT, AS HE WRESTLED WITH HIM. It was the hollow socket of the hip joint which the angel at a touch dislocated. 26. AND HE SAID, LET ME GO, FOR THE DAY BREAKETH. (Hebrew: "Send me away, for the gleam of morning has gone up.") "No longer wrestling, no longer Jacob, the Supplanter, the clever tripper-up in wrestling, who depended on his own skill and toughness, he hangs now on his antagonist; from wrestling, he passes to praying. As Hosea long afterward described the event (Hos. 12: 4), "He wept, and made supplication unto him." AND HE SAID, I WILL NOT LET THEE GO, EXCEPT THOU BLESS ME. Here begins our model for prayer. It is the "fervent prayer" that is "effectual" (Jas. 5: 16). Christ taught this in the parable of the importunate widow, and practiced it himself in the Garden of Gethsemane. He wants us to pray as if we wanted something.

IV. JACOB BECOMES ISRAEL.—Vs. 27-32. 27. AND HE SAID UNTO HIM, WHAT IS THY NAME? Ask yourself that question, "What is my real name, the name God knows me by? Is it Simon the Braggart, or Peter the Rock? Is it Willing or Disobedient? Bold, or Coward? Faithless, or Believer?"

28. AND HE SAID, THY NAME SHALL BE CALLED NO MORE JACOB, BUT ISRAEL. "This was in accordance with the very ancient custom of taking a new name from any important event or experience in life. It gave rise to the Christian custom of bestowing a new name at baptism, from which practice first names are still called Christian names. Jacob's descendants, as the covenant people of God, called themselves by his covenant name, children of Israel or Israelites."

FOR AS A PRINCE HAST THOU POWER WITH GOD AND WITH MEN. "Israel" means powerful with God. "He could have been no common man who began his

career as the 'Supplanter' and ended it as 'a prince of God.' What were Jacob's princely qualities? Prayer especially. Then hopefulness; then patience.

God does not want us to be underlings. It is his highest triumph when men have power with him. What judge but would rejoice when his son became able to plead a case successfully at his court? What king but would be glad to have his boy rise high in rank in his army? How all fathers exult when the young muscles begin to press sternly against theirs, and the child gives token of the man! At the very outset of the Bible, the earth is given men that they may have dominion. At the very close of the Bible, God's children are seated upon thrones. How disappointed God must be if we are content to remain weaklings!

AND HAST PREVAILED. What is "prevailing prayer?" Not a conquering of God's unwillingness, but a mastery of the Christian's own unreadiness. God would like to give us so many things, if we were only ready for them!

29. AND JACOB ASKED HIM, AND SAID, TELL ME, I PRAY THEE, THY NAME. "Who is it that claims the right to change my name?" It is never wrong to seek attestation of a promise or a command. But such earnest inquiry is very different from idle curiosity or faithless skepticism. We must take heed how we inquire after God, AND HE BLESSED HIM THERE. "There were two things which Christ gave in the encounter,—a wound and a blessing. The wound first, and then the blessing. The wound was small and for a season; the blessing was infinite and forever."

AND JACOB CALLED THE NAME OF THE PLACE PENIEL (or "Peniel," v. 31, both meaning the face of God). FOR I HAVE SEEN GOD FACE TO FACE, AND MY LIFE IS PRESERVED. It was said to be impossible to see God and live (Ex. 33: 20; Deut. 5: 26; Judg. 13: 22), yet Moses spoke with him face to face, and in heaven the redeemed shall "see his face" (Rev. 22: 4). Indeed, while to look upon God with an imperfect heart is assuredly death, God is the being "whom to know aright," to see aright, "is life eternal."

AND AS HE PASSED OVER PENUEL, THE SUN ROSE UPON HIM. "The light rises in his soul, never again to go down." AND HE HALTED UPON HIS THIGH. "From the great conflict with sin none come off without many a scar. We may wrestle and prevail, but there will be touches of the enemy, which will leave their long and bitter memories."

The United States Post Office Department is now almost self-supporting. The report for the last fiscal year has not yet been issued, but official estimates state that the year's deficit will not exceed between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. This is the lowest deficit ever recorded. In 1893 the excess of expenditures amounted to \$5,100,000. It rose pretty steadily until 1897, when it reached \$11,400,000, and then began to fall rapidly, reaching \$5,000,000 in the twelve months ending June, 30, 1901.

The Most Reverend Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, who is 80 years of age, celebrated only his silver wedding. He was not married until he was 55 years of age, yet he is an excellent specimen of Queen Victoria's favorite type of a bishop and happy family man. His wife, who is the daughter of a nobleman, is not a platform woman, but shows a live interest in her husband's faith in active work and temperance. Her husband justifies his own faith, for he walks daily from one engagement to another, and he never has a postponed one on account of ill health.

The Spanish barque Jaime Mir arrived at Vigo, Spain, and reports having been in collision with the British schooner Muriel Winter, which immediately foundered, drowning one member of her crew.

Samuel H. Slusser, while gathering huckleberries on the South Mountain, Pa., a few days ago, came suddenly upon a copperhead snake lying upon a rock, on a level with his face. He says he noticed that the reptile had its eye fastened upon him, and when he attempted to hurry from it he found that he was powerless to move. He called for his wife, who was near by, and she chased the snake off with a club. Mr. Slusser says he was overcome by a strange numbness for several hours, and firmly believes he was charmed by the snake.

Among the notices of motion at the Dominion municipal convention now being held in Toronto is one by Ald. Macrae, of St. John, to provide means by which municipalities shall obtain information of legislation affecting their interests.

The Deutschland has broken the trans-Atlantic record of 5 days 12 hours and 29 minutes, made by herself, by 22 minutes.

The boiler of a steamboat City of Trenton, plying between Philadelphia and Trenton, N. J., exploded Wednesday, killing 7 persons and injuring many others.

Wm. Montgomery, near Bellaire, Ohio, shot his wife on Wednesday and then committed suicide.

A woman highwayman has been operating about Darby, Pa. She has made several bold attempts to seize the purses and watches of other women on the streets.

Mr. Tarte had a narrow escape from drowning on Georgian Bay on Wednesday.

The horses recently purchased in Canada for military purposes have been found too tall, and Col. Dent has received orders to accept none over 15 1-2 hands.

A Run Down System

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From the Advocate, Exeter, Ont.

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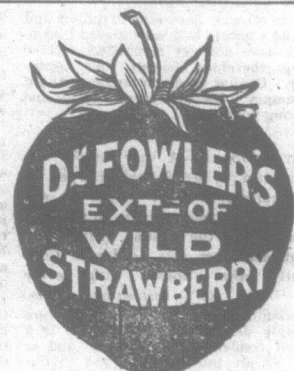
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