

SABBATH, *May 25*.—**LESSON VIII.—Joseph Sends for his Father.**—Gen. xiv. 19-28.

Leader. 19. Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you waggon out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

School. 20. Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours. 1 Cor. iii. 22.

L. 21. And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them waggons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

S. 22. To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. Rev. vi. 11.

L. 23. And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

S. 24. So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

L. 25. And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father.

S. 26. And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. Job xxix. 24; Ps. cxxvi. 1.

L. 27. And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the waggons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. Ps. cxlvi. 8.

S. 28. And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive; I will go and see him before I die.

TOPIC—Light in the dwelling of the righteous.

Golden Text—The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice. Prov. xxiii. 24.

Home Readings.

- ⊙ M. Gen. xlv. 19-28.
- ⊙ Th. 1 Cor. xiii.
- ⊙ W. 2 Kings vi. 13-23.
- ⊙ Th. Rom. viii. 28-30.
- ⊙ F. Rev. xxii. 13-21.
- ⊙ S. Isa. xii.
- ⊙ N. Eph. i.

LESSON SCHEME.

BIBLE SEARCHINGS:

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| Heb. xi. 28. | Luke ii. 29. | Gen. xxxii. 28. |
| Luke xxiv. 11. | Heb. xi. 1. | Matt. xi. 28. |
| Gen. xlv. 30. | John xx. 25-29. | Luke xxiv. 11-26. |

Outline:

- I. FROM POVERTY TO PLENTY, v. 19-21;
- II. GIFTS OF LOVE, v. 22-23;
- III. GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY, v. 25, 26;
- IV. FAINTING AND REVIVING, v. 26-28.

Recite *Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.*

1. Who gave the command in v. 19? To whom was it given? How many of the brethren were now in Egypt? Who were invited to "come" to the land of plenty? v. 19.

What provision was made for bringing Jacob and his family to Egypt? v. 21.

2. What did Joseph give to each of his brethren? v. 22.

How had his brethren treated him in regard to clothing? [See chap. xxxvii. 23.]

What did he give to Benjamin? v. 22.

Why did he give him more than the others?

What did Joseph send to Jacob? v. 23.

Of what was this present a pledge? [Of the good things in store for him.]

Of what are the spiritual blessings God gives his children on earth a pledge?

What appropriate exhortation did Joseph give his brethren while they bore these gifts of love? v. 24.

3. Why is the journey from Canaan called "up" from Egypt?

About whom in this company was Jacob most anxious?

What two glorious sentences did the sons of Jacob utter? v. 26.

4. How did he receive them? Why?

Why did he doubt his sons' word?

What finally convinced Jacob? v. 27.

What name is given to Jacob in v. 28?

When was he called Israel? [chap. xxxii. 24-28.]

Where, in this lesson, may we learn—

1. That God's love makes full provision for all our wants?

2. That true forgiveness seeks the good of the forgiven?

3. That God provides a way for the fulfilment of his promises?

4. That God never deserts his faithful servants?

5. That long and patient waiting upon God will at last bring into a goodly land?

Lesson Hymn.

At some time or other the Lord will provide:

It may not be *my* time,

It may not be *thy* time,

And yet, in his *own* time,

"The Lord will provide."

Chorus—Then we'll trust in the Lord,

And he will provide;

Yes, we'll trust in the Lord,

And he will provide.

Despond, then, no longer: the Lord will provide;

And this be the token,

No word he hath spoken

Was ever yet broken—

"The Lord will provide."

Chorus—Then we'll trust in the Lord, &c.