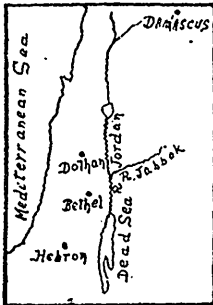


grace; to find favor and forgiveness. In the sight of my lord. Jacob speaks to Esau as his superior. He acknowledges the superiority of Esau as the first-born, and thus voluntarily gives up claim to the birthright which he had bought in his youth. Esau said, I have enough; rather, "abundance." Esau does not take advantage of the situation. He rises above past memories of revenge and present opportunities of gain.

10, 11. Jacob said, Nay. Jacob is anxious that the gifts of fear be now gifts of reconciliation. Have seen thy face as . . . the face of God. Jacob's joy is that expecting to see an angry face, he saw a forgiving face, and he had the same joy as when one looks on the face of God and finds it smiling. Thou wast pleased with me. Jacob is overjoyed at Esau's forgiveness, and he is willing to pay more for that reconciliation than he paid for the birthright. Take . . . my blessing; my gift. God hath dealt graciously. God's promises given at Bethel have been fulfilled. "With my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two companies" (Gen. 32:10, Rev. Ver.). I have enough; word means rather, "I have everything." Having Esau's favor, he has everything. Both men rise superior to material considerations. He urged him. Jacob is in earnest. He will take no denial. And he took it. Thus Jacob has been led through another crisis.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



THE JABBOK is a tributary of the Jordan, flowing into that river from the east side, almost midway between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. Its name means the Struggler, so called because of the difficulty it seems to have in finding its way among the steep hills. The river is about 60 miles long and from end to end the valley is of great fertility. Traveling south from Haran

by the east side of the Jordan, Jacob came to this river where he met first the angel that wrestled with him and then Esau his brother.

LESSON QUESTIONS

1 Why did Jacob fear to meet Esau? Near what river did they meet? What remarkable experience had Jacob the night before? (Ch. 32:24-32.) How many men had Esau with him? Who were the wives of Jacob? Where do we read of his love for Rachel? (Gen. 29:20.) How did Jacob divide his family?

2 In what order were they placed? Why was this division made? What son was with Rachel?

3-7 Were Jacob's fears realized? What did Esau do when he saw Jacob? Like what parable of Christ does it read? (Luke 15:20.) What question did he ask when he saw the women and children? What was Jacob's answer?

8-11 What was Esau's next question? What was Jacob's answer? Did Esau accept the gift? What did he say? What reason did Jacob give for urging Esau to take the gift? What had Esau once purposed regarding Jacob?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Should the wrong-doer always take the first step to reconciliation?
2. Does the sinner always suffer in this life for his sins?

A PRAYER

O thou who hast loved us from the beginning of the world, who didst die for us that we might know the meaning of thy love, who dost not turn away from us when we spurn thy love, teach us what love is. Dwell in us that our lives may be beautiful and winning. And to thee shall be the glory. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That God's servants must be gentle.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 33-35.

The Question on Missions—8. How do the Vancouver Island Indians spend the summer? In the spring the Indians usually go to their fishing grounds to get fresh food, while in the summer most of them work in salmon canneries, saw mills, at fruit-picking or in the hop fields of Oregon. In these ways they earn enough money to buy their winter clothing and other necessities.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Give the names of Jacob's children.....
2. How did Esau receive Jacob?.....
3. Why should we always forgive one another?.....

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