

SABBATH, May 18.—**LESSON VII.—Joseph makes himself known.**—Gen. xlv. 1-8.

Leader. 1. Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

School. 2. And he wept aloud; and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

L. 3. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. Acts vii. 13.

S. 4. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Gen. xxxvii. 28.

L. 5. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. Ps. cv. 16, 17; Acts iv. 24.

S. 6. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

L. 7. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

S. 8. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. Job xxix. 6.

TOPIC—The Wonders of God's Ways.

Golden Text—And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. Gen. xlv. 3.

Home Readings.

M. Gen. xlii. 21-34.
Th. Acts iv. 1-20.
W. Gen. xlv. 18-34.
Th. Acts iv. 21-33.
F. Gen. xlv. 1-15.
S. Heb. ii.
S. Ps. cxxiv, cxxvi.

LESSON SCHEME.

BIBLE SEARCHINGS:

Matt. xiv. 27.	Luke xxiii. 34.	Luke xxiv. 31.
John xx. 14-16.	John iii. 16.	Luke xxiv. 39.
2 Sam. xviii. 33.	John xiv. 21.	Heb. ii. 3.
Luke v. 8.	Luke xxiv. 36-38.	Luke ix. 56.
Isa. liii. 8.	Acts ix. v.	John xii. 47.

Outline:

- I. THE REMARKABLE REVELATION, v. 1-3;
- II. THE TROUBLED TRAITORS, v. 3, 4;
- III. THE FREE FORGIVENESS, v. 5;
- IV. THE FIVE YEARS OF FAMINE, v. 6;
- V. GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE, v. 7, 8.

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

1. What had Joseph heard from Judah? [See chap. xlv. 18-34.]

Why had not Joseph revealed himself to his brethren before this? [He desired to be first convinced of their love for Benjamin and his father, and of their repentance of their former wrong.]

Why was he so anxious to know this?

How did Joseph make himself known to his brethren? v. 3.

Of what incidents in the history of our Lord Jesus does this revelation remind you? Matt. xiv. 27; John iv. 26; Acts ix. 5.

What was Joseph's first question? v. 3.

2. Why could not Joseph's brethren answer him? [They were ashamed of their own wickedness and afraid of his anger.]

What was Joseph's kind invitation? v. 4.

Who says to those who have sinned, "Come unto Me?"

How did Joseph remind his brethren of their wrong? v. 4.

3. With what words of comfort does he follow this reminder?

What were the words of Jesus in reference to his enemies?

4. How long was the famine yet to continue? v. 6.

What comfort had Joseph's brethren in this revelation of himself in the midst of their want?

How does verse 6 remind us of the moral condition of the world without Christ?

5. For what purpose had the Lord preserved Joseph? v. 7.

How is the work of Christ here suggested?

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. That a guilty conscience brings fear and dread.

2. That brotherly love extenuates and overlooks faults in others?

3. Where does this lesson illustrate forgiveness of injuries?

4. Where is filial love shown?

5. God's care of his people?

6. God's ability?