SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lsson XI.
THE BROTHERLY LOVE OF JUDAH
(Genesis 42: 1—45: 15.)
Printed Text—Genesis 44: 18—34.
Golden Text—Let love of the brethren continue. Hebrews 13: 1.

The Lesson In Its Setting

Time:—The events in this lesson occurred during the seven years of famine, i.e., B.C .1716—B.C. 1710.

Place:—The family of Jacob was probably residing near Beer-sheba in southern Palestine; Joseph was living in the capital of Egypt, Zoan, in the eastern part of the Nile Delta.

The Plan of the Lesson

Subject:—The Perfect Purposes of God and His Divine Overruling to Accomplish Them.

"Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh, my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee speak a word in my lord's ears, and let thine anger burn against thy servant; for thou art even as Pharaoh." —Judah first acknowledges the absolute supremacy of the one to whom he is speaking.

"My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother? And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother; and his father loveth him."— Almost every word here is bound to appeal to the heart of Joseph—"a father, an old man," "a child of his old age, a little one," "his brother is dead," "he alone is left," "his mother," "his father loveth him."

"And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more. And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. And our father said, Go again, buy us a little food. And we said, We cannot go down; if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us."—Though Judah is too burdened and his heart torn with too great an anguish to think of cleverness, yet he could never have spoken more movingly to the one before whom he stood if he had thought out his speech for weeks before, because he is simply telling the one who now demands that Benjamin remain in Egypt that all of this tragedy and trouble came about because the one before whom he was speaking demanded that Benjamin be brought down into Egypt against the strong wishes of the boy's father.

"And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons. And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since. And if ye take this one also from me, and harm befall him, ye will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol. Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad is not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life; it will come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die; and thy servants will bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to Sheol."—Let the lord before whom he speaks realize that to go back to Canaan without this youngest son will bring the old father prematurely in sorrow to the grave. Here Judah seems to appeal to the deepest emotions of the human heart, love for an aged parent, and a regard for ultimate consequences.

"For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then shall I bear the blame to my father for ever. Now therefore, let thy servant, I pray thee, abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. For how shall I go up to my father, if the lad be not with me? lest I see the evil that shall come on my father."—The whole argument is powerfully concluded by Judah's offering to take Benjamin's place. This appeal was not simply a succession of words superficially expressed, but the profoundest confessions of a broken heart are here proved. Judah would rather live the rest of his days in Egyptian slavery than to see his father die with a broken heart when he knew that Benjamin would not come home again. The sublime heroism of his noble act of self-sacrifice on the part of Judah would be impossible to over-estimate. The self-forgetful magnanimity of such an action has never been eclipsed and seldom rivalled. After words so exquisitely beautiful, and profoundly prophetic, it was impossible for Joseph to doubt that a complete change had passed upon his brethren and in particular, upon Judah, since the day when he had eloquently urged and they had wickedly consented to sell their brother Joseph, into Egypt.

"Christ is our surety. He makes himself one with us (Heb. 2: 11). He sprang from Judah (Heb. 7: 14). He was accepted as our substitute, was bound, abused, and crucified. He bore the curse for us (Gal. 3: 13). Christ died for us who were below him. Furthermore, Christ pleads for us before the throne of the Father (Heb. 7: 25).

The Character of Judah

Judah's name had been given to him at his birth amid circumstances of hope on the part of his mother, for Judah means "praise." His early youth did not, however, afford any proof whatever that he was living up to his splendid name. But in these later chapters, he comes to the fore with great force of character, and the whole tone of his exquisite appeal in behalf of Benjamin shows that he is now living up to his name. The pressure of poverty, the stings of conscience, the deepening of family love, the checking of self-confidence, are a few of the ways in which Judah was brought into the line of true life and enabled to take the lead in these family troubles and sorrows (Heb. 12: 11).

Martin has said that he would have given anything if he could pray to God as Judah prayed to Joseph.

FARM NOTES

Conducted by PROFESSOR HENRY G. BELL
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J. F. G. of Halton Co., asks the following questions:

Question — "Where can package bees and equipment be secured?"

Answer — Package bees may be secured from F. W. Jones and Son, of Guelph, Ontario; W. A. Chrysler & Son, Chatham, Ontario; H. M. Clubine and Company, Brantford, Ontario as well as other distributors within the province. They may also be secured from one of the many package producers in the Southern States.

Question — "Is it necesary to secure a permit to move or sell bees?"

Answer — The requirements under the Bee Disease Act demand that an owner or possessor of an apiary shall not sell, barter, give away or remove from the premises any bees or used apiary appliances or apparatus unless he has secured a permit from the Provincial Apiarist that such bees, used apiary appliances and aparatus have been properly dininfected and are free from disease.

Question — "Is it necessary to feed package bees, and if so, how would you prepare it?"

Answer — "Package bees should be given at least ten pounds of sugar syrup, mixed, one of sugar to one of water, by weight or measure. This may be fed in a ten pound pail, that has several perforated holes in the lid through which the liquid may be taken by the bees. The main object of feeding is to avoid starvation until the nectar secretion in flowers is available.

Question — "When should potatoes be planted?" E. J., Ontario Co.

Answer — From experiments conducted at the Ontario Agricultural College for seven years in duplicate, figuring from plantings on May 20th to June 17th, there is a loss of 1 1-5 bushels per acre per day in early potatoes, 1 1-3 bushels per acre per day in late potatoes, and 1 1-4 bushels per acre per day in a combination of early and late potatoes as the date of planting is delayed from the earliest to the latest time mentioned.

Twins Stay Alike Only If Together

Twins don't stay alike if they do not stay together. This is the general conclusion derived from a study of many pairs of twins, both identical and non-identical, by a three-man research team at the University of Chicago, representing the sciences of biology. psychology, and statistics.

Some of the twins had been reared together, others had been separated in infancy by various chances of life, and brought up apart. It was found that if the two members of a pair of identical twins grew up in strongly different social and educational surroundings, they "grew apart" as the years went on, and came to be quite unlike each other.

A Delight to Stars

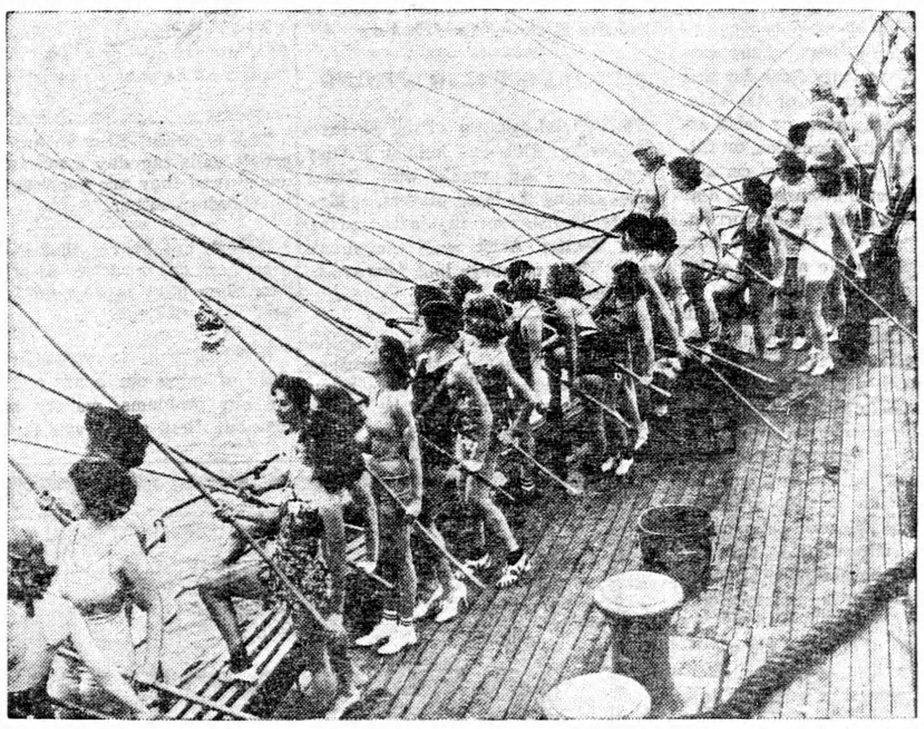
Among the scores of Hollywood notables who turned out to attend opening of Lynn Fontanne-Alfred Lunt production of "Idiot's Delight" were (left to right): Cedric Gibbons, Marlene Dietrich, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Dolores Del Rio.

"Youth is a wonderful thing. It's a shame to waste it on the young." —George Bernard Shaw.

"America without complete isolation can never be sure of neutrality." —Dorothy Thompson.

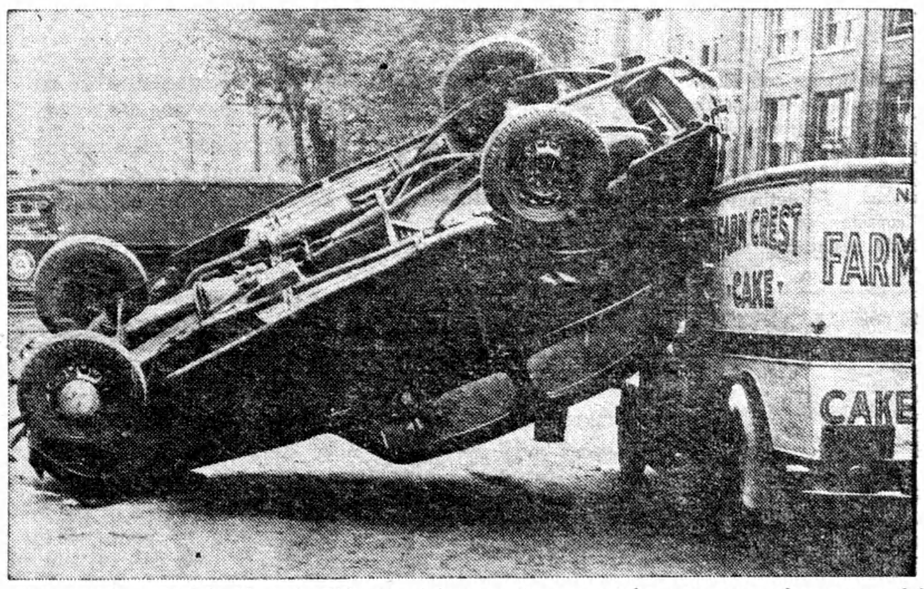
"Efficiency is a thief of time, while idleness enriches time."—Dr. Lin Yutang.

Catch the Eye as Well as the Barracuda



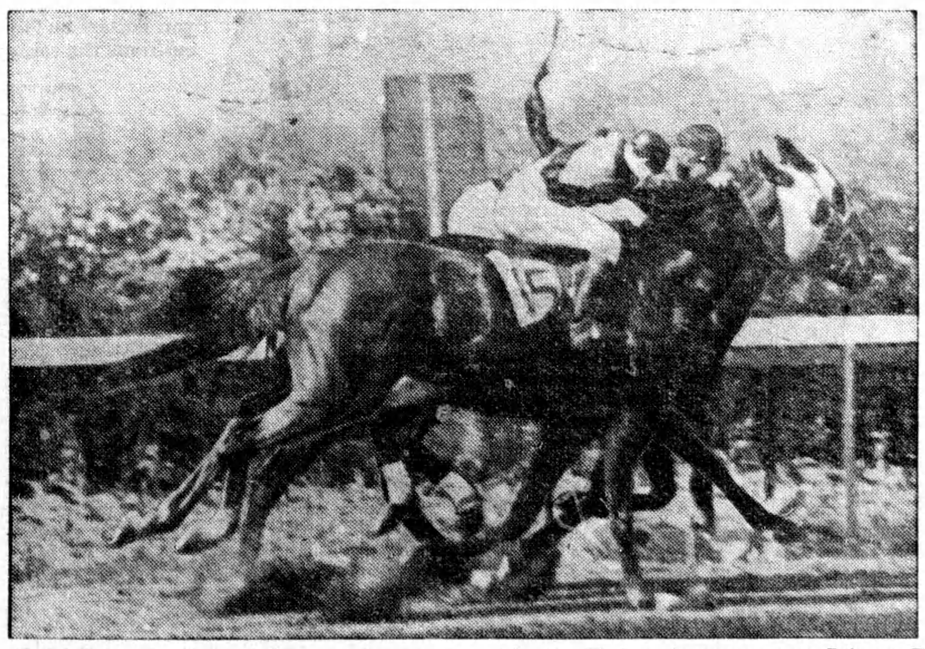
From the slanting deck of the Star of Scotland, off Venice, Cal., this group of shapely girls angled for barracuda and the title of "Miss Fisherette of 1937." The fish bit fast in 30-minute contest to show good taste.

Turnover and Cake



Cake truck parked in Newark, J.N., street became the support for a turnover when woman driving this automobile swerved to avoid a collision and found herself suspended, but unhurt, in mid-air.

At Home In Harlem



Dusky Prince beating out Sunanair by a nose to take the Harlem, feature race at Belmont Park, Long Island, racetrack. Both jockeys are using the whip in the stirring finish. Scrooge was third in the running.

Movie-radio gossip

By DOROTHY

Innumerable fans have asked me if the impressive mansion and estate which Fredric March presents to Janet Gaynor in the course of the plot of "A Star Is Born" was especially built for the picture. Others think they recognize it as the house once occupied by Barbara Stanwyck when she was married to Frank Fay. Neither theory is correct. The house belongs to a Los Angeles real estate dealer and was merely rented by the Selznick-International company for two days.

The enterprising young Grand National company certainly stole a real march on the rest of the studios as they signed Stu Erwin to a starring contract. Since that time "Dance, Charlie, Dance" which he made for Warner Brothers has been previewed and Stu has landed right up in the thin ranks of top-notch comedians. He has finished his first picture for Grand National. It is called 'Small Town Boy" and everyone says it is a knockout.

Ever since Myrna Loye finished "Parnell," she has been enjoying a where a gleaming luxurious hotel is sharing scenic honors with the harbor which is said to be the most beautiful in the world — even more beautiful than the far-famed Bay of Naples. Her husband, Arthur Hornblow, got away from his duties at Paralazy vacation at Ensenada, Mexico, and mount long enough to spend a week with her and was seized with the inspiration to write a picture set in the locale of Ensenada. Myrna hopes that she can stay on there while it is being filmed but M-G-M have a crowded program ahead of her.

Myrna Loy

ODDS AND ENDS — A little boy working on the set of "Varsity Show" at Warner Brothers came down with measles, and the whole troupe headed by Dick Powell had to knock off their work and watch for symptoms for two or three days — Errol Flynn brought two lion hounds back to Hollywood with him, the only ones of their breed in America, and now everyone is wondering what these sporting dogs will do for amusement, hunt at the Universal zoo? — Jean Arthur just cannot fix her own hair, so when the studio hairdressers went out on the strike, her director, Mitchell Leisen, arranged her locks for her, and very well too. — Clark Gable and Carole Lombard went as cowboy and cowgirl to a recent masquerade birthday party and took the honored guest a Shetland pony as a gift.

Pleasingly Summery

Adrienne Ames is a cool vision in this summer dress of white crepe printed with red, white, blue and green flowers. It ties at throat with soft bow of matching material.