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Sunday School Notes
Side Lights on Next Sunday's Lesson for Teachers and Pupils.
Edited by Charles K. Meyers

April 6—Jacob and Esau. Gen. 25: 27-34; 27:1-15.

Our lessons for the coming quarter will be upon the histories of Jacob and his son Joseph. The lesson of today takes up a portion of the life history of Jacob and Esau, who were the sons of Isaac. Those who have read the book of Genesis will remember how Isaac came to be married to Rebekah. Their first children were twins. Esau was the first born and Jacob the younger. According to the custom of that day Esau was entitled to the greater share of his father's possessions upon the death of Isaac and to be the head of the tribe.

It would appear that Esau did not grow up to be a man deserving, in his makeup, to assume the place which custom and law would give to him; and that he did not appreciate the responsibilities and possibilities of his birthright. Esau was a hunter and the record tells us that one day, returning tired and hungry from hunting, he earnestly asked his brother, Jacob, for some of the food which he was cooking. Jacob, who seemed to understand what the birthright of the first born meant, said to Esau, "Sell me this day thy birthright." Esau replied to the effect that he was so hungry that unless he had some of the pottage he would die and then the birthright would profit him nothing. So he sold his birthright to Jacob for the pitiful pay of one meal. In Gen. 25:34 it is recorded "Thus Esau despised his birthright."

The sale of the birthright was not known to their father, Isaac, but probably was to Rebekah, their mother. Then came a time when Isaac, coming to old age, felt it his duty to give special blessing to his older son, Esau. To gain this blessing for himself Jacob and his mother devised a plan to deceive Isaac and this they successfully carried out. Isaac being blind and believing that his son, Esau, was in his presence, gave him a full blessing for the future, promising him power and influence. Soon after this Esau came in and when he found that the blessing had been bestowed upon his brother he was broken hearted and cried out unto his father, "Bless me, even me, also, O my father."

There are a number of important lessons for us to learn from the history of Esau. While the first born of one of the greatest men of the history of the Jewish nation, he appeared not to appreciate that fact, but was ready to barter away his future for a trifle. It is declared in the New Testament that each one of us is a child of the King, and thus a joint heir with Christ to a heavenly inheritance. Cot, how oft times we see men and women spurning this inheritance, defying the will of God as set forth in the teachings of Jesus and St. Paul. For a day, for a week, of sinful doings there looms up a loss of blessed eternal life. This can only be restored by repentance and faith in Jesus. Esau could not regain his birthright although as the scripture says he sought it with tears. The majority of us have a birthright of a healthy body and a good constitution which, if cared for, will give us a long and useful life, but alas, how many spurn that birthright, mistreat their body until it is wrecked, and they must, like Esau, lament with tears their foolishness.

At no time have I tried to condone or cover up the deceit of Jacob, in obtaining the blessing from Isaac under false pretenses. Because of this his life was ever a sorrowful one. He fled in fear from his brother, and in later years passed through great sorrows on account of the supposed death of his son Joseph. It is true God cared

for him and fulfilled the promises, but with it came to Jacob much to give him sorrow and humiliation. It is said on behalf of Jacob that he had within him some great and lovable traits of character; that he appreciated the blessing and honor which would come through securing the birthright and succession of his father. His character as a whole is not worthy of our example, but is another warning that deceit and wickedness do not pay. In a few weeks we will have for our consideration the great character of Joseph, who although a son of Jacob, had a history which seems without a flaw and therefore the father did have final blessing in his son.

CHARTER OAK ITEMS

Chas. Drake came from Waterloo Monday morning to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Drake. He was joined in Charter Oak Monday evening by his wife, who had been visiting her mother in Dakota.

H. C. Pithan was a business visitor in Denison Saturday.

Miss Tena Bodholdt is enjoying a visit from her mother this week.

Mrs. Dr. Waterhouse was a Sioux City shopper Friday and Saturday.

Ed Bramson drove down from Ute Monday for a short call on friends.

H. F. Harthun was in Charter Oak from Denison Saturday.

Miss Nellie McGrath returned from Sioux City Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell, of Ute, attended church in Charter Oak Sunday.

Carl Sturges and Miss Anna French visited at the Otto Bramson home at Ute Sunday.

Dr. A. B. Crewdson and Wm. Wilson went to Woodbine Saturday and from there to Omaha.

Mrs. S. B. Lyons returned home on Sunday evening from Sioux City.

Miss Pearl Wilson came from Woodbine Saturday to visit friends and relatives.

Richard Nash, Jeff Rogers and Fred Thomsen attended the dance at Dow City Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Mains were in Denison between trains Saturday.

C. H. Kuhlman visited his Charter Oak friends Sunday and Monday.

Miss Beulah Crone came home Sunday morning from Fremont, Neb., at which place she has been attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fleming returned to their home at Sidney Monday evening after a pleasant visit in the R. Rutzong home.

C. H. Stark, manager of the People's store, went to Colfax Monday morning. He has had a strenuous winter in the big store and felt the need of a rest before the spring rush of work commences. He expects to be absent a week or ten days.

Mrs. Mary McGrath and Mrs. J. P. Murphy went to Omaha Sunday to attend the funeral of Miss Mary Prendergast. The funeral was held Monday.

Thirteen hour adoration of the blessed sacrament was held at St. Boniface church Sunday. The service was very largely attended and was terminated by a high mass on Monday morning. Fathers Lynch, of Manilla, and Schaeffer, of Danbury, assisted Father Schenkelberg in the services.

Professor Stiles and wife and the Misses Oaks, Metzgar, Barnholdt, Perry, Kiedess and Frieles went to Sioux City Friday afternoon to see Maude Adams in "Peter Pan." They returned Saturday evening.

Mrs. T. F. McGrath, of Schleswig, attended the thirteen hour devotion in the Charter Oak church Sunday and visited friends.

Miss Grace Crakes came from Manilla Friday afternoon and is a guest in the McGrath home. Miss Crakes is suffering from an infection in her arm and is taking treatment here.

Dr. J. J. McWilliams was an Omaha visitor the latter part of the week.

Mrs. M. J. McKinstry and daughter, Angela, went to Ute Monday afternoon.

The infant son of Mrs. Oscar Nelson is quite sick at their home in Charter Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hartigan, of Ute, attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. Clayton Romans left Wednesday morning for Excelsior Springs, Mo., to spend a few weeks with Clate and the elder Romans at that place.

Miss Hart, of Minneapolis, is a guest at the Clark Marshall home in Charter Oak.

DOW CITY ITEMS

Jim O'Meara and son, Leo, came down from Denison last Wednesday and spent the day here at the Pete O'Meara home.

Orvie Boham and wife moved into town from the Harper place last Thursday and are living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Rigby.

Frank Odell was at Omaha the early part of last week looking after the safety of his brother, Halsey. He found their location to be just outside the storm zone.

Little Jessie Thompson was sick last week while suffering from a bad sore throat. She is much better at this writing.

Mrs. Paul Wight and children came up from Council Bluffs last Thursday and visited a day or two at the Roman Wight home. Paul returned to the Bluffs with them, having finished her work at Dunlap.

Ed Chamberlain and Ed Ahart went to Wall Lake last Friday for a couple of days' duck hunting.

Uncle Johnny Rudd got moved last week into their new home. They tell us they enjoyed visiting their relatives and that they are always well cared for among them, but notwithstanding all this "There is no place like home."

Mrs. Will Dow went to Denison Saturday to help care for her sister, Mrs. Ollie Carr, for a day or so.

Mrs. Geo. Luke, of Racine, Wis., is expected in town this week for a visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rebecca Luke. She is on her way home from a visit with her sister in Lincoln, Neb.

Charley Smith was at Omaha last Thursday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Ellen Hensman, who was killed in the big tornado.

Morris Wilder came down from Ames last week to spend a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Wilder.

Rony Pett and wife were in Woodbine last Wednesday visiting relatives and viewing the sights after the big storm.

Ernest Clark and sister, Miss Pearl, spent several days last week visiting relatives in Vail. They returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Wight were shopping in Omaha last Thursday. They also took advantage of the opportunity and visited her great grandmother, Mrs. Susan Chambers, in Council Bluffs.

Miss Mildred Wiggins is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Jas. McBride, at Defiance.

Fred Logsdon was here from Ames last week for a visit with his numerous young friends.

John Smith went to Chicago Saturday night with stock and while there will visit a few days with relatives.

Word comes from Omaha that Mrs. David McNair, a former resident of this place, is just recovering from a siege of illness. We trust that she may soon recover her usual health.

Jim Baber has joined his family at Dunlap and will farm near that place the coming season. This leaves his brother, Ed, without a helper in the blacksmith shop.

Mrs. W. E. Fishel and two daughters and Mrs. Brinton Sharp and daughter, Vivian, were Omaha visitors last Saturday.

Mrs. Mockler and her niece, Miss Franklin, came over from Harlan Friday and are visiting at the W. W. Clark home west of town. Mrs. Mockler is making her final visit here before her return to her home at Bisbee, N. D.

Miss Ruth Oslin, our high school teacher, has gone to Winnebago, Neb., to spend her vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Herb Fishel and daughter came down from Denison Thursday for a visit of a day or two with the W. E. Fishel family.

Mrs. O. J. Judd and Mrs. C. C. Antisdell were visiting their relatives in Omaha Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, and while there embraced the opportunity to look over the storm stricken district.

Mrs. Jay Thompson was on the sick list last week. She is on the mend, however, at this writing.

The dreaded blackleg has broken out among Fred Coleman's young cattle. He has already lost several of the animals. He, however, has used the vaccine for the prevention of a further spread of the disease, and thus anticipates no further loss.

Mrs. Mott McHenry was in Denison the last of the week and brought her sister, Mrs. Isaac Howorth's, baby back with her. It will stay here with Miss Mary Howorth, while its mother is again at the hospital at Rochester, Minn., for another operation.

Mrs. Howorth is well known here and many friends trust she may come through the ordeal in safety and regain her former state of health.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McHenry went to Denison Saturday, where they visited with relatives.

Ahart and Chamberlain shipped four loads of cattle Sunday night and Gene Crandall sent a load of hogs in Saturday night.

Mrs. Frank Odell and daughter, Beryl, and Mrs. Charley Smith and daughter, Irene, were Omaha sight-seers Saturday. All returned the same evening except Miss Irene, who remained for a few days' visit with friends.

Miss Pearl Clark is a happy girl these days, all on account of being the recipient of a fine new piano a few days ago.

W. A. Barry and family moved last week into Mrs. Sarah Baber's home near the school house.

The spring vacation is on hand this week and the school kids are happy. By the way, so are the teachers. Eight more weeks of school and then—

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Walker came down from Denison Saturday and stopped at the W. E. Dow home, Mrs. Walker taking care of Aunt Nettie Graves during Mrs. Dow's absence in Denison.

Word has reached us that Miss Grace Thomas, who teaches at Blanchard, has been re-elected for the ensuing year. This is but a just recognition of faithful services and Miss Grace's numerous friends here will be delighted at the news.

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Miss Lulu Howorth entertained her Sunday school class of girls at a party last Saturday afternoon. All were present and a bunch of girls never spent a more delightful time together than did these jolly six. Lunch was served, after which all went home happy. Miss Howorth has surely found the way to keep the class together for these social gatherings come quite frequently.

Evelyn Wight has spent the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson on Pretty Prairie.

Mrs. Harry Jones and Miss Florence Miller went to Omaha Friday to look about the safety of relatives who had not been heard from since the storm.

Scott and Houston received three new autos last week, which they have placed in the garage here in preparation for their spring trade. This firm is always up to snuff when it comes to business.

Will Fishel had a birthday last week, but he doesn't want us to mention the number of it. Mrs. Fishel thought to get even with him on some old scores so she invited a couple of dozen of friends in for the evening, and didn't take the trouble to say anything to her husband about it. The guests came and after a while Mr. Fishel came and for once in his life he couldn't find his voice. It returned to him soon, however, and the way he entered into the evening's pleasures wasn't slow. Cards, furnished the chief amusement, with music, etc., added. A fine lunch was served, and the evening's pleasures and added laurels to Mrs. Fishel's fame as a cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Ettleman moved Saturday to the country and will work for Henry Harper the coming season. A number of young people went out to the Hugh Butterworth home last Saturday night for a surprise on Mrs. Butterworth, the occasion being her birthday. A jolly time was had with games and music. All especially enjoyed the fine ride out to the farm and back again.

Mrs. Nettie Graves has so far recovered from her recent severe illness as to be able to sit up awhile each day. She is still very weak but seems to be gaining as fast as possible.

Mrs. W. C. Rolls entertained the Friday club last Friday afternoon at their regular meeting. A goodly number of the members, as well as several invited guests, were present and each did a share towards the making up of a very pleasant afternoon. The instrumental music by Mrs. L. E. McBride was especially enjoyed. A two-course lunch was served, which all enjoyed immensely.

Miss Emma Anderson came down from Minnesota to be present at the wedding of her brother. She will visit here for two or three weeks before she returns. Two of her sisters will go with her and spend the summer up there with a married sister.

Mrs. Bird Sams gave a surprise party last Saturday night for their daughter, Ethel. Quite a number of young folks were present and spent the evening in games, etc. After lunch was served all departed for home voting the affair a great success.

Quite a number went from here to Omaha Sunday to view the sights in the tornado zone.

The husbands of the members of the Friday club entertained their wives last Tuesday evening at Smith's hall. Each member of the club invited one couple so the crowd numbered about seventy-five persons. Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen, of Denison, had been engaged to furnish music for those who desired to dance. Tables were also arranged for those who desired to play cards. There was no lack of entertainment. At midnight an elegant two-course supper was served. Everyone present enjoyed themselves to the limit and only wished the Friday club would have its entertainments more frequently.

Mrs. Still, who has been visiting Mrs. Sophie Jenkins, departed Monday for Carroll, where she will visit a few days, after which she will go

on to her home at Schneckady, N. Y.

Mrs. J. F. Potter expects to go to Scranton this week for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. W. E. Fishel is at Ute helping care for a sick sister.

We were misinformed last week in one particular as to the accident that befell Sam Tripp. He was caught by a low hanging telephone wire instead of an electric light wire. The town officials do not care to have such a responsibility placed on their hands, thus the correction.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wiggins went to Buck Grove Monday to attend the wedding of their niece, Miss Grace Griffin.

F. O. Reynolds has accepted a position as clerk in the D. E. Broms store. We bespeak for him success in the work.

Benjamin Homer is here from Springfield, S. D., for a visit at the J. L. Butterworth and Mark Riley homes.

Mrs. Nora Burke and two children are up from Council Bluffs for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Field.

Albert Birkhofer went to Omaha Monday on a business trip. He took Frank Riley with him to have his eyes examined. Mr. Riley had gone down the day before and stayed to be with Frank when he reached the city.

Chris Hansen, who has been attending school the past winter at Elkhorn, has returned and will work on a farm here during the summer.

Mrs. Henry Roy went to Denison Saturday, taking her little grandson with her to see the child's mother.

A. A. Fishel and W. E. Fishel were called to Cedar Rapids Monday on account of the death of a relative.

Tommy McCullough carried the mail on route No. 1 last Monday while regular Mark Riley was in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Anderson are contemplating leaving soon for a summer's visit with relatives in Germany. We wish them a pleasant journey and a safe arrival at their destination.

Miss Jenie Hollowell, who teaches the Pett school in Union township, will hold a box social at that school house next Friday evening, April 4th. A large crowd anticipates attending. The proceeds will go to the school.

Mrs. Marshall came down from Denison with her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Fishel.

Mrs. Nate Hain went over to Buck Grove the last of the week for a visit with relatives.

Friends of Miss Elsie Randel, who went to Eureka Springs, Ark., for her health about six weeks ago, are grieved to learn that she is so poorly as to require the services of a trained nurse. We trust the next word from her will prove more favorable.

Mrs. Julia Davenport is here from Omaha for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Stepanek.

Percy Brown left last week for Correctionville, where he will work the coming season. Mrs. Brown left Saturday for Deloit, where she will visit until Monday with friends, after which she goes to Correctionville to join her husband.

Mrs. Arch Wight is spending the week with friends and relatives near Buck Grove.

Mrs. Brian Iseminger and children went Friday to Buck Grove to visit her parents and other relatives.

Fred Glassburner was home last week from Ames to spend the spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Glassburner.

Miss Ruth Glassburner entertained the senior and junior classes at her home last Friday evening. Nearly all of the two classes were present and had one of the finest kind of times. The time was occupied with doing college stunts, etc. An excellent supper was served and much enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rolls were Omaha shoppers Monday.

The Great Western has been running its trains over the Northwestern for nearly a week. We failed to ascertain the reason.

Word reached Dow City relatives Monday that Mrs. Isaac Howorth had undergone another operation that morning at Rochester, Minn., and as a result is in a critical condition. The trouble is gall stones and abscess of the liver.

Tom Noonan, who suffered a broken hip in the Easter tornado, has been removed to the Denison hospital, where he will be cared for while convalescing.

John Reed is over from Ute visiting at the L. A. Vore home.

On next Sunday, April 6th, Rev. Joseph Stephen, pastor of the M. E. church, will speak on the following topics: Morning at 10:45, "The Need of the Spiritual Awakening;" evening

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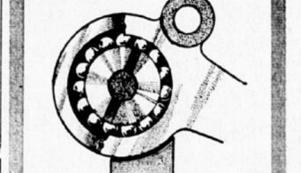
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