



Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love IS the fulfilling of the law.—Romans 13:10.

He that hath the Son hath life; AND he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.—1 John 5:12.

Night Scenes In the Bible

Jacob's Night of Wrestling

Genesis 32 Chapter

Our scene opens upon the second great event in the life of Jacob. The first was the night vision at Bethel.

The scene of this memorable incident was on the banks of the river Jabbok. It is a wild, rock stream that comes roaring down from the mountains of Gilead and Bashan and joins the Jordan on the east, midway between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. The lower portion of the river runs with a swift and strong current through the whole year. The banks are high and precipitous. The neighboring country is wild and piled up into broken ridges and rounded peaks. The descent to the Jordan is so steep that the smooth current is often interrupted by shooting rapids and silvery cascades. The Jabbok falls 1200 inches to the mile. To this wild river Jabbok, not far from its junction with the Jordan, the patriarch Jacob had come with his family and flocks, a great company, on his return from Padan-aram. Twenty years before, in his flight from his father's home he had crossed the same stream, a lonely fugitive, with his staff in his hand, carrying all his earthly possessions in a shepherd's bag. Now, in his return, he had become so rich that he could select from his vast herds five hundred and fifty sheep, goats, camels and oxen for a present to his brother, Esau, and yet have so many left that the multitude

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YOUTH

by Herman Hueni

It isn't very often that I have the opportunity and the pleasure of addressing an audience that is so largely composed of young people, so very naturally my remarks this evening will be slanted toward our young.

Very definitely we are interested in our youth. Just as the Heavenly

TREASURED VERSES

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, **THAT** the everlasting God, the **LORD**, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? **THERE IS** no searching of his understanding.

He giveth power to the faint; and to **THEM THAT HAVE** no might he increaseth strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the **LORD** shall renew **THEIR** strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; **AND** they shall walk, and not faint.

—Isaiah 40:28-31.

Father is interested in man, whom He created after His own divine image: just as the father and the mother is concerned about the child in their home, so the church is concerned about its youth. You know, when the brethren called me to ask whether or not I would be willing to

make a talk to this particular gathering, I asked them what theme they were pursuing for the evening, and they said they didn't have anything particular in mind, so very naturally there came to my mind two verses in Ecclesiastes, one of them we heard here this evening, "Rejoice, O young man in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes, but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."

Now, youth, isn't merely a matter of age. It isn't merely a particular time in life: Youth, in addition to that, is the power of one's imagination, the depths of our emotion, the freshness of the wellsprings of life. Youth, is confidence and trust, and not despair.

Very recently, a well-known figure passed out of this world. In the course of his lifetime, he had performed a task which was calculated to be almost an impossibility. After he had successfully finished it, he was asked, "What would you have done, had you failed?" and he said, "The thought never entered my mind." And that is typical of youth. Youth has power, imagination and confidence, and if these qualifications are harnessed together, they can mean a very successful life. Now, whether or not that's done, depends on youth itself. Not so very long ago, I read of a letter sent to youth

by a group of mothers. This particular letter contained advice on how to be successful in life. And, if I recall correctly, the very first qualification was, **BE GOOD, FEAR GOD.** The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

Look round about you and you will find that all the men who are seventy and eighty years old, or all the women who are seventy and eighty years old, who are revered and respected are ones who have lived a godly life.

"Tell me not in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream,
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal,
Dust Thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul."

We are living in history making times. There are opportunities given unto the youth of today, that the youth of other eras have not enjoyed. Greater inventions have been made in the last century than ever before, in the history of time. We touch a button and there is light. We fly through the skies and with automobiles travel thousands of miles in a brief space of time. Oceans are quickly spanned, one invention follows the other, some almost beyond human comprehension.

And yet, in this world that we are living in today, nations are at loggerheads, boundaries are changing, and kingdoms have fallen in the last few years. Certainly none can deny that we are living in history making times, and this very fact, is a challenge to our youth. To successfully meet this challenge, let me read to you the other verse in Ecclesiastes: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

There is a very befitting parable of warning spoken by the Saviour in Luke 15, concerning two sons. I believe, in times such as we are living in today, when there is so much juvenile delinquency, when there is so much neglect of God and when the finger of ridicule is pointed at one who dares to stand for his Maker and

his Saviour, I believe, we do well to absorb anew, the lesson contained in that particular parable. One son said to the father, "Give me my portion of goods," and after the father had given him his particular portion of goods, he took it and went away from the father's house and squandered it in riotous living, you all know the story. After his fair-weather friends had flown and he had no more substance, money nor the where-with-all to buy the necessities of life, we find that he turned his face homeward. He, came to himself, as the Saviour said, and he remembered all he had left in his father's house. He, made up his mind, then and there, that he would go back to the father's house and say, "Make me as one of thy servants."

And that condition of heart, my friends, is what is necessary in order to make a successful, spiritual life. That's the transition through which one passes, from the carnal to the spiritual, when one becomes a child of God.

"Make me as one of thy servants." There wasn't any demand there, there wasn't any hard headedness. That was the particular time in that young man's life, when one could have spoken to him and he would have listened. He began to meet God on the plane where God could deal with him. That's the obligation we have in this life, if we want to have peace which surpasses human understanding.

Then, I want you to note the reception that that young man had, when he came back to his father's house. You would think that the father would have raised the finger of admonition and censure, but no, he didn't do that. He had watched for him and when he saw him appearing on the horizon, he ran out to meet him, threw his arms around him, put shoes on his feet, a ring on his finger, clothed him with the best robe and took him home. "For," he said, "this my son was lost, and is found."

That is the great lesson that man has to learn today. All the treaties that are made will be in vain, all the promises that are made by one nation to another will be set at naught, if

the heart of man doesn't change. While it is probably impossible for nations to long enjoy peace in our day, nevertheless it is possible for us as individuals, whether young or old, to have peace in our hearts. Remember, we have no continuing city here upon earth, we go the way of all flesh, and, according to the manner in which we have lived, so also shall we spend life eternal.

May God give us grace that we may more fully grasp the importance of this message, that we may not be carried away by the glitter of life, but rather that we, both young and old, may discern the difference between the things temporal and the things worthwhile, so that we may properly evaluate our time, that when our days are done, we may go home to that bourne, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

TO KNOW ALL IS TO FORGIVE ALL

If I knew you and you knew me—
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine
The meaning of your heart and mine,
I'm sure that we would differ less
And clasp our hands in friendliness;
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree
If I knew you and you knew me.

If I knew you and you knew me,
As each one knows his own self, we
Could look each other in the face
And see there in a truer grace.
Life has so many hidden woes,
So many thorns for every rose;
The "Why" of things our hearts would
see,
If I knew you, and you knew me.

—Nixon Waterman

Taken from Mrs. Chas. E. Cowman's
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Abraham interceded for Lot when he heard Sodom was to be destroyed. What are we doing in behalf of a lost world that is sure to be destroyed the same as Sodom? Are you interceding to God for them?

Prayer is a sincere desire of the heart.

NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE

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of his flocks filled the valleys as they went. The long and lonely exile in the strange land had done more to enlarge his possessions than all the years of service in his father's house. He was feeble, timid and poor when he went forth upon his wanderings alone. When he came back, trial had made him strong and misfortune had made him rich. Jacob had left Padan-aram and started upon his return to his native country in obedience to a Divine Command. The day before, while coming down from the heights of Gilead to the fords of the Jabbok, he had received a strange and startling assurance of the Divine protection. While his flocks were moving slowly over the wild pasture lands, Jacob lifted up his eyes and saw in open day, as if encamped in the air, two hosts of angels encompassing him behind and before and moving with him for his protection. He remembered the vision of Bethel and rejoiced that the heavenly guardians who cheered him on his departure twenty years before were ready to welcome him on his return. We who live in this busy mechanical age are apt to think it was a wrapt and wondrous life that the patriarch led in that old time, when he could meet God's host among the hills and could see convoys of bright angels hovering around him in the solitudes of the mountains. But God's host is always nearer than we are apt to suppose in the dark hours of trial and conflict. Heaven and earth are nearer each other now than they were when Jacob saw God's host in the broad day and Abraham entertained the Divine messengers under the shadow of the oak at noon. Jacob greatly needed such encouragement as "God's host" gave him on the heights of Mahanaim. He had heard that his offended brother, Esau, was coming out of Mount Seir to meet him with four hundred men as wild and warlike as himself. What could he do against such a reckless band, who lived by plunder and could easily make an old grudge of twenty years standing an excuse for any amount of violence and bloodshed.

Jacob is not a man of war. He

has no skill in the use of spear or bow. He has no guard of soldiers or armed herdsmen to protect his family and his flocks as they move along the unoccupied pastures of the wilderness. But he sets himself to prepare for the encounter in the best way he can. First of all, he feels that this new peril has been sent to call his past life to remembrance; and he receives it as a Divine admonition to see that all is right between him and God. He has learned by sad experience that an accusing conscience is the worst companion in the hour of danger. And he begins his preparation for the great trial before him by adjusting the solemn account between him and his father's God. He makes humble confession of his many sins and shortcomings in duty. He pleads the Divine promise that God would deal well with him in his return to his native country. He prays for guidance and protection in the coming peril. Men who never pray in health and safety will sometimes call upon the Lord with great earnestness when danger and death are near. God sometimes opens the pit of destruction in the path of the disobedient and wandering, that they may be induced to cry to him for help. There is no good thing in the world that a man cannot afford to lose, if the suffering and sacrifice will only teach him to call upon God in humble and fervent prayer. Jesus taught that men ought always to pray; that they must needs pray just because they are men. After Jacob had performed the first duty of seeking help from God, he adopted such other measures as a wise and thoughtful man would have chosen in his circumstances. He divided his people and his flocks and herds into two companies, that one at least might escape should either be attacked by the robbers. Next he selects and sends forward five hundred and fifty from his vast herds as a present to his brother Esau. Then when the weary day was closed and night had come down upon the dark hills and the bleating of his herds had ceased among the valleys, he passed his own family silently across the ford of the river and went back himself to spend a sleepless night on the northern side

of the stream alone. He could not bear to have his family see his distress or to break their slumbers with his cries and supplications. In the great conflict before him he would rather be alone with God. So he left them sleeping and went back to the other side of the river, as Jesus on the night of his great agony left His disciples and went away into the darkness to pray alone.

Jacob was alone and it was night. Nothing broke the silence save the roar of the mountain river and the occasional call of herdsmen keeping his own flocks in the distance. In thirty-six hundred years there has not been a time when a solitary man could spend the night where Jacob was without peril to his life. In Jacob's time robbery and murder were even more common in all that country than they are now. Then, too, the lion couched for his prey and the bear wandered at night on the banks of the Jabbok. In such a place this troubled and fear-stricken man bows down to the earth in his great agony and weeps and prays in darkness and alone. Suddenly he feels the grasp of a strong hand laid upon him; and he is sure that in such a place, at such an hour, it must be the hand of an enemy.

He springs to his feet, grapples his unknown antagonist, and struggles with all his might to fling him to the ground. He does not succeed in overcoming his silent and mysterious assailant; but he maintains his hold upon him. The wrestle goes on for hours, a real hand to hand struggle in which neither party speaks a word and neither prevails against the other. Nothing in the sacred narrative hints or warrants the supposition that this wrestling of Jacob took place in a dream. The struggle was as real as the halting and lameness that followed it. "And there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day." Jacob himself took it for granted that his antagonist was a real living man; and he did not dare to loose his hold or relax the contest for a moment for fear he should be thrown to the earth and killed or utterly disabled. At last, when the day began to break and the contest still went on, the mysterious Stranger put

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NEWS

Bluffton, Indiana

Rev. and Mrs. Amos Hartzler visited us Sunday, August 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moser and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Aschliman are spending a month vacationing in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Melvin Maller underwent a major operation on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baumgartner have returned from a trip to the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aschliman and daughters, Dora and Elva, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Aschliman have returned from visiting friends in the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Steffen entertained at a shower Wednesday evening, August 18, in honor of Max Steffen and Eunice Kipfer, whose marriage took place Sept. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Meyer and family and Misses Deloris Meyer and Delutha Moser spent the week-end of August 15 in Remington and Monticello, Indiana.

The Misses Elizabeth, Margaret, and Joan Gerber spent the week-end of August 22 visiting in Milford, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottlob Brunner from Sabetha, Kansas, visited relatives and friends in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rauch and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gerber spent the week-end of August 29 in Elgin, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haab spent Sunday, August 19, in Milford, Indiana.

The engagement of Harold Geisel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Geisel, and Ellen Steffen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Steffen, was announced Sunday, August 8.

Evening services were conducted Thursday, August 12, by Elder Joe Klopfenstein of Gridley, Illinois.

On Sunday, August 15, we had visitors from many churches, among whom were Elder and Mrs. Noah Schrock and daughter, Ada, from Oakville, Iowa, Elder and Mrs. Elias Dotterer from Paulding, Ohio, and many others from various congregations. A very blessed day was spent with Holy Communion being held.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schwartz are parents of a baby girl, Etta Marie,

born Saturday, August 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kaehr are the parents of a son, born August 22.

Miss Marcella Steffen from Milford, Indiana, visited us Sunday, August 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dubach are parents of a son, Patrick, born Thursday, August 12.

Burlington, Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kircher and Dawn Ella and Misses Kathryn and Erma Miller spent Sunday, August 15, in Wichita, Kansas, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guthrie of Kiowa, Kansas, are the parents of a girl, Ann Elaine, born August 14. Mrs. William Roecker and daughter of Morton are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roth and daughter Helen of Morton, Illinois, spent a few days visiting relatives in this vicinity, en route to Colorado and Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kircher spent Sunday, August 15, in Ft. Scott, Kansas, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart and twin sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevig and son, David, of Gridley, Illinois, spent August 30 in this community. They were entertained by a picnic supper in the church basement. The evening was spent in singing.

Mrs. Henry Aberle and six-week-old son are visiting Mrs. Aberle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Farney of Kiowa, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schrock and sons of Congerville, Illinois, were recent visitors in this community.

Misses Eileen Schock, Grace and Vilas Birkey, Louise Mae Birkey, and Alice Musselman of Morton, Illinois, were recent visitors in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Weyeneth of Metamora, Illinois, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roth of Kiowa, Kansas.

Sister Mary Gleichman of Harper, Kansas, who has been quite ill for several weeks was called out of this life to her Eternal Home August 20. She leaves to mourn her passing ten

children, twenty-nine grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at Harper, Kansas, with Rev. Clarence Yackley of Wichita, Kansas, in charge; he was assisted by Rev. Eli Somerhalder of Burlington, Oklahoma. Relatives who attended the services from a distance were Mrs. Ruth Domnick, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koehl, of Morton, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Koehl of Peoria, Ill.

Miss Dorothy Miller has returned from Morton, Illinois, where she has been working for the last year.

Chicago, Illinois

Sunday, August 8, we had many visitors from Princeville, Illinois.

Rev. and Mrs. Heuni and many others from Bremen visited us on August 15. We had a blessed day.

Our visitors on Sunday, August 22, included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rocke, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rocke and many other from Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Eisenmann, Kenneth Bauer, Loretta Feller, Jerry Feller, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Kaufman and many others from Cissna Park.

On August 22 Mrs. Sam Fehr from Roanoke and Caroline Meyers left for the East to spend 2 weeks with friends and relatives.

Sam Slagel from Pontiac attended services here on August 22.

Mrs. Gideon Rinkenberger and daughter spent several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hofer. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Moll of Peoria also visited them recently.

Mrs. Fred Meyer and children of Chicago are spending the week-end of September 4 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rinkenberger at Gridley, Illinois.

Croghan, New York

Visitors on August 1 were Misses Amelia Scharlach and Lucile Knochel of Remington and Misses Minerva Wuetrich and Lois Leman of Francesville, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Obed Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. David Gerber, Howard and Ben Habegger, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aschliman and daughters, Dora and Elva, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Aschliman of Bluffton, Ind.

Mr. Elmer Farney of Peoria, Illinois, and Mr. Joe Farney and daughter, Yvonne, of Fairbury, Illinois,

spent some time during the first two weeks of August with relatives and friends of Croghan, Castorland, and Lowville, New York.

Visitors of August 15 were Mr. and Mrs. George Knochel, daughters, Dorothy and June, and son, Dan, of Bay City, Michigan, Rev. Joe Getz, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Getz and daughters, Edna and Virginia, of Morton, Illinois, and Rev. and Mrs. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drayer of Bluffton, Indiana, were here August 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bahler and family of Remington, Indiana, were here August 18.

Visitors of August 22 were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schneider and daughter and Miss Alma Schini of Remington, Indiana, and Miss Florence Zimmerman of Fairbury, Illinois.

Elder and Mrs. Noah Schrock and daughter and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lanz and sons of Oakville, Iowa, and Miss Verona Gerber of Rockville, Connecticut, were here August 24 and 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Virkler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luginbuhl and daughter, Bonnie, of Rockville, Connecticut, visited several days with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Virkler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rauhe are the proud parents of a baby boy, Warren John, born August 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer are making their home with Mrs. Anna Foote at 28 Waters Terrace, Lowville, New York, at the present time.

The Naumburg church have their remodeling completed and are having all day services again.

Croghan Sunday School classes held their picnic at the Booneville park August 31.

Fairbury, Illinois

Announcement was made Sunday, August 22, of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Katharine Huber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huber, to John V. Fehr, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Philo Fehr, of Eureka, Illinois. No date for the wedding has been set.

Funeral services for little Hartzell Steffen, 15-month-old son of Mr. and

Mrs. Sam Steffen, were held Monday morning, August 23. Little Hartzell died following an accident Friday evening, August 20.

John Traub, aged 82 years, died Sunday, August 22, after a short illness. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 25. His wife passed away here just a year ago, August 28, 1947.

We are happy to have five more souls who have taken the Lord Jesus as their Saviour; they are John Maurer, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Schmidt, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ifft.

Elders Noah Schrock and David Mangold held services at the North Apostolic Christian Church Sunday, August 29.

Ft. Scott, Kansas

Out-of-town visitors to our congregation on August 8 were Mr. and Mrs. Elias Somerhalder and Shirley, Kiowa, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. John Somerhalder, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Somerhalder and daughter, Gridley, Kansas; and Mrs. Sarah Braker, Berniece and Leonard, Lamar, Missouri. Several from Lamar were here for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Rassi and Timmy, Morton, Illinois, visited a few days with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock, Kiowa, Kansas, visited friends here the afternoon of August 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kircher and Nancy, Kiowa, Kansas, spent the week-end of August 15 with friends and relatives.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pfister, August 23, were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Shrock and children, Congerville, Illinois.

Brother Reber, who has been ill, is now able to attend services again. We are very happy to see him present.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Banwart have returned from a trip to the western states.

Those attending the funeral services of Mrs. Mary Gleichman, Harper, Kansas, were Dan Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sinn. Mrs. Miller was called to the bedside of her mother earlier and remained in Harper awhile.

Francisville, Indiana

As Luke 15:10 tells us that "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in

the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth," so also do the members of the body of Christ rejoice to hear the glad news. We are thankful to tell of more young people who have taken Christ as their personal Saviour. They are Robert and David Wuethrich, Margaret, Marcella and Rovene Gutwein, Barbara Ward, Adeline Novotny, Dorothy Pelsy, Judith and Dean Gudeman, George Erb, Ervin Yaggie, and Melvin Leman.

The evening of August 1 proved a real blessing to those who attended the monthly young people's meeting. Willis Ehnle of Fort Wayne gave an inspirational talk on "Praising God," which was the theme of the meeting. Misses Betty and Letty Frey and Doris Scharlach composing a musical trio, Rev. Andrew Nussbaum, all of Remington, and Rev. William Furrer of Wolcott were also among the out-of-town participants adding to the enjoyment of the meeting.

The congregation was grateful for the rich ministry of Rev. Fred Grimm of Quincy and Rev. Phil Sauder of Cissna Park on August 8. Other visitors were Mrs. Fred Grimm and family, Mrs. Phil Sauder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Si Laidig of Bremen, Misses Wilemenia and Evelyn Baurer, Lorraine Finne, and Violet Koch of Peoria.

On August 15, six young people gave their testimonies and were baptized. Ministering visitors were the Reverends Emil Schubert, Mike Weyeneth of Peoria, Dan Stoller of Latty, George Yergler of LaCrosse, and William Furrer of Wolcott. Many other visitors were present from Remington, Elgin, Fort Wayne and Latty.

On August 22, a blessed evening was spent at the home of Rev. Adam Gutwein. Gathered around a campfire, a large group enjoyed hymn singing, a few talks about things of the Lord, and a few personal testimonies of the saving power of Jesus were given by the young converts and older folks, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Getz are the parents of a daughter, Jeanne Louise.

Les Pfladderer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pfladderer, suffered a badly lacerated and mangled right arm as

he attempted to dislodge a rock from the cylinder of a power corn sheller. At the time of this writing, the arm is healing and if all goes well will be as good as before.

Miss Marjorie Wuethrich, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Wuethrich, was united in marriage to H. Frederick Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Hess, on August 7.

Misses Katherine, Margaret, and Rovene Gutwein, Junior Gutwein, and Robert Wuethrich left July 30 for a visit in New York where they attended the Apostolic Christian Camp.

Lamar, Missouri

A tragic accident, August 29 about 2:00 p.m., claimed the life of Keith Ray Kibler, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kibler. He climbed part of the way up their silo, fell, and crushed his skull. Mr. Jacob Kibler, his grandfather; Mr. and Mrs. George Kibler and son; and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Weiland of Peoria, Illinois, came to attend his funeral services, which were held at the Apostolic Christian Church on September 1 at 3:00 p.m., with Rev. Sam Anliker of Lamont, Kansas, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kibler, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Weiland and their daughters, Joyce and Marjorie, of Peoria, Illinois, arrived here August 6 to spend a few days with the three Kibler boys, Will, John and Walter and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schrock and sons, Allen and Stevie, of Congerville, Illinois, were here August 15. They were en route to Kansas and Oklahoma.

Rev. Fred Marti visited in Lamont and Gridley, Kansas, on August 15.

Anna Frieden went to Sabetha, Kansas, on August 15 to attend the wedding of her niece, Pearl Strahm, to Harlan Stoller.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Furrer and their son and daughter of Wolcott, Indiana, arrived here August 21 and left August 25. They visited Mrs. Furrer's mother, Mrs. Mary Frieden, her sisters, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banwart and Joan were at Gridley, Kansas, August 22 to attend the Ott reunion that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Siegle and Marie Ann and Evelyn of Oakville, Iowa, spent the evening of August 23 at Rev. Ben Banwart's home. They were en route home from a trip to the Ozarks and visiting relatives in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Banwart and Jerry of LaCrosse, Indiana, arrived here August 23 for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Orel Steiner and John and Diane of Oakville, Iowa, en route to the Ozarks, spent the evening of August 24 at the home of Rev. Fred Marti.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Somerhalder and Sarah Lee of Gridley, Kansas, arrived August 27 to spend the weekend with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock and Charlen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wagenbach, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank of Oakville, Iowa, visited with parents and relatives.

Latty, Ohio

Brother Ezra Feller from Cissna Park, Ill., was with us for evening services August 3; also with him were his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Art Bower, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eisenman.

Brothers Amos Hartzler and Noah Bauman were with us for evening church services on Sunday, August 8. Mrs. Hartzler and Forrest were also here with them. A number from Bluffton also came over with them.

Visitors here Sunday, August 1, were Mrs. Maria Wieland, Mrs. Charles Lambert, Misses Helen, Mildred, and Laura Wieland, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wieland from Bay City, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Klopfenstein from Toledo.

Visitors here August 15 were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Koehl and daughter, Fairbury, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vogel and son Loren, Mrs. Ed Eisenman and daughters, Norma and Myrna, Miss Lorene Rocke, and Mr. Lester Rocke from Cissna, Misses Alice and Laura Wieland, Mrs. George Waibel and sons, and Mr. Howard Wieland from Bay City.

Visitors here August 29 were Miss Ruth Ricketts and Miss Katherine Menold from Princeville, Miss Anna Rassi, Morton, Miss Helen Huber, Francesville, and Miss Irene Hodel,

Roanoke. Miss Hodel stayed to spend a week with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zeltwanger and two sons from Morris, Minnesota, and Mr. Carl Zeltwanger, Bremen, are spending a few days here with their parents and other relatives.

Leo (Grabill), Indiana

Elders Noah Bauman of Rittman, Ohio, and Elias Dotterer of Paulding, Ohio, officiated at communion services August 8 at the Leo church.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zeltwanger of Bremen, Indiana, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Klopfenstein. Mrs. Klopfenstein accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Zeltwanger to their home at Bremen, Indiana.

The Misses Leah and Rose Conrad entertained at dinner Fay Ringger of Maywood, California, Katherine Menold and Ruth Ricketts from Princeville, Illinois, Anna Rassi of Morton, Illinois, Helen Huber of Francisville, Indiana, and Irene Hodel of Roanoke, Illinois.

A Sunday School Young People's Rally was held at Camp Mack, Milford, Indiana. In the afternoon there was congregational singing followed by a panel discussion, "Why Should Youth Accept Christ." The participants were Robert Weyeneth, Henry Souder, Jr., Melvin Huber, Joan Schlatter, Edith Beer, John Laidig, Jr., and Donald Schlatter. For the evening program, five Sunday schools participated with songs and readings. An inspiring address to our youth was given by Rev. Herman Hueni of Bremen, Indiana. A very large number of people were in attendance for both services. Many congregations were represented. A spiritual blessing was received by all who attended.

The wedding ceremony of Dorthea Conrad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Conrad, and Richard Winzeler, son of Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzeler, was solemnized Sunday, August 22, with Elder George Yergler officiating. Marie Beery of Rittman, Ohio, was maid of honor and James Winzeler, brother of the groom, was best man. A reception for about two hundred fifty guests was held at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony. A din-

ner was served later to the immediate families and the out-of-town guests who were from Tremont and Eureka, Illinois; Toledo, Ohio; Oakville, Iowa; and Goshen, Bluffton, and LaCrosse, Indiana. The newlyweds will be at home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rauhaus visited with relatives near Grabill after attending the Rauhaus reunion September 6 at the Otto Schlatter residence of Latty, Ohio.

A son named Steven John was born to Jack and Velma Bollier September 6. Velma Bollier was formerly Velma Norr.

Lester, Iowa

Mrs. Carl Feucht is slowly recovering from burns she received when opening a pressure cooker.

Ray Calvin is the name given to the son born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Metzger August 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metzger and Freida and Karoline spent the weekend of August 15 in Sabetha, Kansas, visiting their son, Wilhelm.

A large number from our congregation spent Sunday, August 22, in West Bend, Iowa.

Ernst Kellenberger, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Kellenberger of Morris, Minnesota, returned to his home August 27, after spending the past three months in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metzger.

Mansfield, Ohio

Rev. Walter Koehl, Mary Koehl, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steffen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Steffen of Fairbury, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schneider and daughter of Remington, Indiana, visited relatives and friends here August 13. Rev. Koehl held services in the evening. He and the others who came from Fairbury, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabo, spent Sunday in Monroe County.

Mr. and Mrs. Huber of Princeville, Illinois, visited relatives and friends here Sunday, August 15.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hassig of Rittman, Ohio, were visitors with us Sunday, August 15.

Elders Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton, Indiana, Rudolf Graf of Akron, Ohio, and Noah Bauman of Rittman,

Ohio, held services here Thursday evening, August 26.

Elmer Sauder spent Sunday, August 22, in Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Anna Manz, Miss Hulda Manz, Mrs. August Laukhuf, and Mrs. Mike Stoller visited relatives and friends August 21.

Michigan

Anna Elizabeth Wingeier departed from this life to live with her Lord, August 24, 1948 at the age of 83 years, 4 months, and 27 days. She is survived by five children, two grandchildren, and a brother. Funeral services were held Friday, August 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the Apostolic Christian Church with burial in Oakwood cemetery, Lowell, Michigan.

Morton, Illinois

Mrs. Edward Yoder died at her home here in Morton, August 4. She suffered a paralytic stroke. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, August 8.

Mrs. J. C. Ackerman passed away at her home on Tuesday afternoon, August 24, and funeral services were held Friday afternoon, August 27.

Joyce Ann Grimm injured her finger in a corn cutter at the Libby plant where she was working.

Billie Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zimmerman, is seriously ill at his home.

Miss Mabel Martin of Roanoke became the bride of Robert Belsley, August 15. The young couple toured the eastern states on their wedding trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Domnick of Burlington, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Domnick of Ada, Oklahoma, spent a few days in Morton visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frintz, Jr., and family returned home August 26 after a trip through the western states. They spent a week visiting relatives in Los Angeles, California.

Miss Dorothy Miller left Friday, August 27, for her home in Burlington, Oklahoma. A group of young folks gave a picnic in her honor Thursday, August 26.

The engagement of Martin Hohulin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hohulin of Edelstein, and Miss Edith Kaiser of Morton was announced Sunday, August 15. The young couple

plan to be married sometime in October.

Oakville, Iowa

Tony Eberhard, age sixty-one of Oakville, Iowa, died August 7, 1948, of a heart attack. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

Peoria, Illinois

Elder Emil Schubert, Peoria, Illinois, Rev. Mike Weyeneth, and others spent a blessed day in Francesville, Indiana, August 15, where six souls were added to the fold of Christ.

Marie Hoerr, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave A. Hoerr, became the bride of Reuben Huber, son of Mrs. Carrie Huber of Fairbury, Illinois, August 22. After their honeymoon, they will be at home in Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pfister, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bittner, and Miss Priscilla Bittner visited the North Fairbury church August 29.

The engagement of Miss Marie Bauer of Cissna Park, Illinois, and Bob Hohulin, son of Ezra Hohulins of Peoria, was announced. No wedding date has been set.

Elder William Stettner of Elgin and Rev. Sam Kilgus and family of Remington were with us Sunday, August 29. We had a blessed day and welcome them back soon.

Mrs. Theo Beer of Milford, Indiana, visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Hoerr, recently.

A new home is now under construction on Fondulac Drive, East Peoria, for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoerr and daughter.

Remington, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shambach are the parents of a girl, born July 27.

Some attended the large funeral of Joe Swing at La Crosse on Sunday, August 1.

Visitors at church Sunday, August 8, were Rev. Harry Bucher and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bucher, Mr. and Mrs. John Heinold, and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Heiniger and daughter, all of La Crosse, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Stoller and family of Roanoke, and others during the day. Most all were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum.

Services were again held in the evening and Rev. Fred Grim and family were present, as they came

from Francesville where they spent the day. Rev. Phil Sauder and wife, Rev. Ezra Feller and wife, and a number of others from Cissna Park, Rev. Philip Gutwein, Rev. Adam Gutwein, and many others from Francisville, as well as many from Wolcott, were present. We enjoyed their presence very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Knochel and two sons, Glen and Richard, returned from a three-weeks' trip in the western states on August 9.

Visitors on Sunday, August 15, from Fairbury were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roth and family and his three aunts.

On August 5, Miss Minerva Wuethrich and Miss Lois Leman of Francesville and Miss Lucile Knochel and Miss Amelia Scharlach returned from a two-weeks' visit with the churches in New York state and Connecticut. They also visited points of interest en route.

Visitors Sunday, August 22, at church from Fairbury were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Leman and several of their family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schneider and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kalmuss and family of Elgin. All were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kilgus.

Quite a number from here attended the funeral of little Hartzel Steffen, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steffen, at Fairbury on Aug. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. George Waibel and sons returned on August 23 from a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Kansas and South Dakota.

Rev. Andrew Nussbaum and wife and son, Jackie, and Raymond Bahler from here and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bach of Fairbury are leaving on about a month's visit in the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bahler and three children returned on August 20 from a trip in the East visiting in Rockville, Connecticut, and Croghan, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Bahler, son Edwin and wife; and Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Knochel from here and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kaufman of Cissna Park returned Saturday, August 28, from a trip in Michigan. They were in Bay City on Sunday, August 22.

Roanoke, Illinois

On August 8, Elder and Mrs. Noah Schrock and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schrock, all of Oakville, Iowa, visited with us in Roanoke.

The engagement of Ann Blunier, daughter of Mrs. Elmer Blunier, and Jerry Sauder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sauder, all of Roanoke, was made known to friends and relatives on Sunday, August 8. The couple plan an October wedding.

Also planning an October wedding are Mary Ann Sauder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sauder, of Congerville, formerly of Eureka, and Carlton Beer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Beer of Milford, Indiana, whose engagement was made known on August 15.

The wedding of Mabel Martin of Roanoke and Robert Belsley of Morton was solemnized on August 15 by Elder David Mangold at Roanoke in the presence of many friends and relatives.

On August 15, Rev. Fred Grimm and family of Taylor, Missouri, visited in Roanoke, returning home Sunday evening.

Announcement of the engagement of Kathryn Huber of Fairbury and John Fehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philo Fehr of Eureka, was made Sunday, August 22.

Ruth Schumacher, Marie Klaus, and Edith Fischer of Eureka, Lorene Schumacher, of Metamora, and Norene Herbst and Winifred Martin of Roanoke are vacationing in the eastern states. They planned to visit Rockville, Connecticut, Sunday the 29.

West Bend, Iowa

Rev. and Mrs. Kilgus and daughter, Alice, and Betty Walter of Forrest, Illinois, spent the evening of August 7 with us.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hodel and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cordell and family of Oakville, Iowa, visited relatives here recently.

Sunday, August 8, several visited us from various churches. Among those present were Rev. and Mrs. John Wagenbach and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Gerst of Oakville, Iowa, Rev. and Mrs. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, Iowa, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Walder of

Cissna Park, Illinois, and Rev. and Mrs. Ben Weigand of Fairbury, Ill.

Arlene Mogler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mogler and Martin Esslinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Esslinger, of Sabetha, Kansas, were married August 22. Those from a distance who attended the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Esslinger and Adele Waymer, Esther and Erma Esslinger, and Velma Strahm of Sabetha, Kansas; Mrs. Jake Gehring and Phyllis and Eunice of Elgin, Iowa; Rev. and Mrs. Henry Mogler and Philip, Marjorie, and Verna, Mrs. John Mogler, Andrew, Martha, and Louisa Mogler of Lester, Iowa.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Knobloch and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knobloch and Larry of Lester, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Affolter and son of Portland, Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fehr and Phyllis, Mr. and Mrs. Philo Fehr, and Francis Fehr of Eureka, Illinois, spent Sunday, August 29, with relatives and friends here.

Wolcott, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Walder and son, David, Mr. and Mrs. Don Walder, and Mabel Lehman of Cissna Park, Lyman Feldman, John Kilgus, and Richard Walter of Fairbury were visitors of the Levi Kropf family on August 1.

Rev. and Mrs. Philip Gutwein visited our congregation August 1.

Mrs. Herman Stahl and children of Princeville spent a few days here with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Stoller, and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knapp and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yergler and children of Cissna Park were also recent visitors of the Stollers.

Those who have been vacationing during August included Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt who toured the western states; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Farnley and LeRoy were in the northern states and Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blume and daughter, Elizabeth, and Luann Fisher visited points of interest in the East; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Furrer and family visited relatives in Missouri and Kansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Lehman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Furrer and family were Chicago visitors on August 8.

Victor, Betty, Phyllis, and Mabel Banwart and Wilmer Metzger of West Bend, Iowa, were guests in the Levi Kropf home from August 14 to 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaufman of Gridley, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kyburz and children of Fairbury visited on August 15 with the Kyburz families here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kyburz, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Klopfenstein and Harley, Marcille Kyburz, and Jean Klopfenstein spent August 15 with relatives at Morton and Goodfield.

PARADOXES OF CHRIST

He was the Light, yet He hung in darkness on the Cross.

He was the Life, yet He "poured out his soul unto death."

He was the Rock of Ages, yet His "feet sank into deep waters."

He was the Son of God, yet he died a felon's death.

He was holy, undefiled, separate from sinners and knew no sin, yet He was "made sin" when He took the guilty culprit's place and suffered in his stead.

He bade the weary to come to Him for rest, yet not on earth could He find rest until He said, "It is finished," and gave up His life to God.

He was the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, yet He was led as a lamb to the slaughter.

He was the Ancient of Days, yet He was "cut off in the midst" of His days.

He was the Father of Eternity, yet He became the babe in the manger at Bethlehem.

He was the Mighty God, yet He became a man, and "was crucified through weakness."

He was the Image of the Invisible God, yet His visage was "marred more than any man."

All the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily in Him, yet He took on Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

"He spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast," yet He humbled Himself and became obedient—even unto death.

He was the Desire of All Nations, yet He was despised and rejected of men.

He is the Fountain of Life, yet upon the Cross He cried, "I thirst."

Can you understand these mysteries? These are things that angels desire to look into. The heaven of heavens cannot contain Him, yet He died for us.

—**"Faithful Words."**

WAITING ON GOD

What does it mean to wait upon God? The thought occurs frequently in the Psalms and Isaiah, as well as in other portions of the Old and New Testaments. Sometimes it is synonymous with trust or faith, as when the Psalmist says, "Wait on the LORD:

Hymn for the Month

LIKE SUNSHINE AFTER RAIN

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When paths are lone and dreary
And skies above are gray
E'en tho your heart is weary
And filled with sore dismay;
Look unto Christ our Savior
In all your grief and pain,
Your grief will turn to gladness,
Like sunshine after rain.

While in His care abiding
Your heart need never fear,
Keep trusting and confiding
In Christ our Savior dear;
Your faith and trust in Jesus
Can never be in vain,
His love will shine upon you,
Like sunshine after rain.

Fret not when foes offend you,
Heed not their frown nor smile,
The troubles that attend you
Stay but a little while;
Tho dark the night of sorrow,
The sun will shine again,
New joys will come tomorrow,
Like sunshine after rain.

Press on and keep on hoping,
Be faithful, brave and strong
Your life with all its toiling
At best will not be long;
Then nobly do your duty,
Think not of greed or gain,
Your path will shine with beauty,
Like sunshine after rain.

His love is ever shining
In sorrow, grief and pain,
Then cease your sad repining,
His grace you can obtain;
His promises are ringing
Just like a sweet refrain,
New joy and comfort bringing,
Like sunshine after rain.

be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD" (Psa. 27:14); or, "Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence" (Psa. 59:9). Sometimes it requires patience, as we wait for God to accomplish something that we have been praying for. Then we are to "rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him" (Psa. 37:7). David found this hard, at least on one occasion, for he said, "Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God" (Psa. 69:3). But to encourage us we have the LORD's own promise, "for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me" (Isa. 49:23). Uncertainty is one of the most trying tests, but sometimes God keeps us in it in order that we may learn how little wisdom we have and that we must depend on Him moment by moment. Waiting on God may also include periods of time set apart for prayer and quiet meditation in the Word, in order that we may shut out all distractions and hear God speak to us. Such times are very necessary for all Christian workers, in addition to the regular time for daily devotions. The great promise of Isaiah doubtless includes such waiting: "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isa. 40:31). When the apostles returned from their first preaching tour, and told the Lord Jesus "both what they had done, and what they had taught," He said, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat" (Mark 6:30, 31). Whatever our needs may be, and whatever form the waiting may take, it is safe and profitable for us to wait upon God. "The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him. *It* is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD" (Lam. 3:25, 26).

If you permit your light to go out so that men do not see your good works, how will they know about the gospel and the power of God?

NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE

(Continued from page 3)

forth his reserved power and brought the struggle to a close. Verse 25, "And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him." He touched and paralyzed the seat of strength in Jacob's frame. The man, so strong and unmasterable a moment before, could only hang, a crippled and weeping suppliant, upon the neck of his Divine antagonist and gain by prayer and tears a victory which his human skill and power had failed to win. Now it was all plain that Jacob, in seeking his own safety, had been contending against God. In the darkness of the night and in the deeper darkness that clouded his mind he had taken his best friend and surest protector for an enemy. The mysterious Stranger with whom he wrestled so long and so vainly was the Divine Angel of the Covenant, the incarnate Son of God. That mighty helper had condescended to take on himself a human form and enter a bodily struggle with his own servant Jacob to teach him and millions of others that man's greatest victory is gained by self-surrender and supplication. Jacob had nothing but fear, weariness and pain so long as he sought to prevail by his own strength and skill. When he found himself utterly prostrate and helpless and poured forth the wrestlings of his soul in strong supplications and tears, he became a prince in power and he prevailed with God. In the end of the struggle the revealed Angel of the Covenant condescends to entreat his human antagonist and says "Let me go, for the day breaketh" and the poor, stricken and suffering man has the boldness to reply "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."

The mightiest man on earth is the man who has most power with God. The hiding of the power which determines the destiny of nations is not in the cabinets of kings or battalions of war, but in the closets of praying men, who have been raised by faith to the exalted rank of princes with God. See to it, dear ones, that you are not found wrestling against

God. In some dark and dangerous hour God will lay His strong hand upon you to pull you out of temptation. Beware, lest you think it is the hand of an enemy and try to shake it off. It would dry up all the fountains of human sorrow if men could be persuaded to seek and pray for God's blessing more earnestly than for anything else. It would sanctify all the relations of home, business and society if none would allow themselves to live a single day without asking God to go with them and bless them in all they do. Living thus, we should all find many places which, like Jacob, we could name Peniel "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." The three steps of progress in Jacob's spiritual life are Bethel, Mahanaim, Peniel; house of God, host of God, face of God. First he saw in dreams darkly a pathway of light reaching from earth to heaven; but the glory of Jehovah was above and far away. The path was too high and steep for human feet to climb. Again at Mahanaim he saw the bright host attending him before and behind. This was no longer a dream of the night, but a calm and clear view in open day. They were stationed in air to guard him in his perilous journey. They kept him safe; but they stood apart and beyond his reach. At Peniel the Jehovah Angel came near; as man approaches his fellow man. With mingled terror and joy Jacob found himself in the embrace of an Almighty arm. He was both conquered and crowned by infinite strength. The revelation of the Divine love to him was now complete. The weeping and wrestling man saw God face to face and did live.—Philip Beyer from the book *Night Scenes in the Bible*, by Reverend Daniel March, with added thoughts.

"So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands." (Psalm 78:72)

The most interesting thing in the world is to live a great life. God has a plan for every life, a really great plan. God never made anything cheap or uninteresting. He has equipped every life for a great career,

and a great destiny. He challenges you to a wonderful friendship with Him. Out of this friendship shall come your development, your empowering, your guidance—your success. God is interested in you. He has great things for you to accomplish during your lifetime. You alone can wreck your own life. Mistakes there may have been a plenty, but sin and life's blunders He corrects and cures. The Holy Spirit has been given to us to lead us into all truth. He is our Teacher, our Protector, our Inspirer, our Guide. He was commissioned to make sure of the greatness of every life. His mode of procedure is to build the life of Jesus into the life of each Christian in a wonderfully precious friendship. The Holy Spirit fuses the will of man into the will of God. So the great thing in all life is to live to please God. What we are, what we say, what we do is saturated with the life of Jesus. The very atmosphere is full of quietness, peace, and love. Such a life will go through the world comforting, cheering, healing, and inspiring other lives. Fortunate, indeed, the community that has a few individuals who thus go through life. One such nature can influence an entire community, just as one flower will fill a whole room with sweet odors."—Dean Dutton.

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