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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON

Subject: "A Hunting Scene."

TEXT: "In the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil."—Genesis xlix, 17.

A few nights ago 800 man encamped along the Long Island railroad so as to be ready for the next morning, which was the first "open day" for deer hunting.

On a certain day in all England you can hear the crack of the sportsman's gun, because ground-keepers, the hunters and every man that can afford the time and ammunition can draw a bead starts for the fields.

Old Jacob, dying, is telling the fortunes of his children. He prophesies the success of his grandsons, Benjamin and Judah, and the success of his granddaughters, Leah and Dinah.

While this is an encouragement to old people who are still unrepentant, it is a warning to the young who are putting off the day of grace. This doctrine that the old may be repentant is to be taken cautiously.

Again, my subject is descriptive of those who come to a sudden and radical change. You notice how short a time it is from morning to night—only seven or eight hours.

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vouring you. So it was with Lord Byron. So it was with Coleridge. So it was with Catherine of Russia. Henry II. went out hunting for this world, and its lance struck through his heart.

From the top of all my trust, Mithra had led me in the dust. The Queen Dowager of Navarre was offered for her wedding day a costly and beautiful pair of gloves, and she put them on, but they were poisoned gloves, and they took her life.

Young man, did you ever take the census of all the old people? How many old people are there in your house? One, two or none? How many in a vast assemblage like this?

Portugal's royal crown is worth \$6,500,000. An Arctic owl was recently captured in Freeport, Me.

A man in Norway, Me., raised nine large pumpkins from one seed. A Philadelphia hat dealer says his least profit is in selling silk hats.

On an average a locomotive engineer travels 20,000 miles in the course of a year. J. A. McBrayer, of Anderson, Ky., has killed 237 rattlesnakes in seven years.

A bald eagle was shot off the steeple of the biggest hotel in Seward County, Kansas. In the year 760 A. D., Pope Paul I. sent the only clock in the world as a present to Pepin, King of France.

Needles were first made with every rude machinery in 1545. At that date a workman did well if he turned out ten a day.

Roman colonial coins bore a number of banners corresponding to the number of the legion whose veterans had occupied the country. One variety of the India rubber tree (Ficus elastica) has leaves of the deepest green, each provided with a narrow border of very bright red.

The loftiest volcano in Popocatepetl, Mexico. Its crater is 1000 feet deep and three miles in circumference. The mountain is 17,784 feet high.

The longest wooden bridge in the world is a trestle work over Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans. It is of cypress piles and twenty-two miles long.

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Caged lions and tigers, pumas and jaguars take no notice of the men and women passing in front of them, but let a dog be brought anywhere near the cage and they show their savage nature at once, and spring up, glaring out savagely.

Savage Precautions Against Poison. In Madagascar things are going all wrong, according to the latest information. The foreign affairs of the country are disturbed by reason of the unfriendly relations of the Malagasy Government with the French Resident-General.

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SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR DECEMBER 10.

Lesson Text: "The Heavenly Inheritance," 1 Peter 1, 1-12—Golden Text: Col. 1, 12—Commentary.

"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia. The writers of the epistles know but one master—they are either servants or apostles of Jesus Christ—and being controlled by the Spirit they glorify Him (Math. xxiii, 35; John xvi, 14). Their aim is to tell the fellow strangers to be holy in their lives and full of good works that God may be glorified (chapter 1, 11, 12).

"Elected according to the foreknowledge of God the Father through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. Grace unto you and peace be multiplied." Scriptural election is the choosing of some to bless others, these chosen ones being taken out from the rest that they may be especially qualified for special service (Eph. i, 4; Rom. viii, 29). The exceeding abundance of His grace and peace is given to such that through them it may be multiplied to others. If you have received His grace, you are also His elect. If you have not received His grace, you may do so at once (John vi, 37; 1st Jn. 1, 16; Rev. xxi, 17).

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The signification of the resurrection is fully stated in I Cor. xv, 13, 23. He who was dead is alive forevermore, and at the right hand of God are the evidence of our justification and the assurance of our continued life (Rev. 1, 18; Rom. vi, 25; viii, 34). He is to be identified as risen, living Christ, who has all power in heaven and on earth, and to be commissioned as His ambassadors to proclaim His salvation is surely the highest honor that mortal man can enjoy on this earth (John xvii, 18; I Cor. v, 20).

"To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." All things here are perishable, but the word of the Lord and the glory of the Lord endure forever (Psa. 119, 25; I John ii, 17; Heb. xii, 28). Jesus at the right hand of God is not only our righteousness and our life, but also the assurance that our bodies shall yet be just like His and that we shall reign with Him (I Cor. xv, 21; Rev. v, 9, 10).

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time." Jesus does the saving and the keeping, and we do the trusting and obeying. See how we are kept in Jude 1; Rom. x, 4; Isa. xli, 13. Salvation is ours now if we have received Christ. We are also waiting for it, for it is every day nearer than when we believed (I Tim. 1, 9; Phil. ii, 12, 13; Rom. xiii, 11). It is a threefold salvation. It has eternal value, and it is a saving life, and we expect the glorified body and the joys of the kingdom.

"Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations. We will surely rejoice if we believe the facts, but not otherwise, for joy and peace come only by believing (Rom. x, 13). Jesus told us that we must expect tribulation, but that we may have peace (John xvi, 33). Paul testified that it is possible to be joyful, yet even exceeding joyful, in tribulation (Rom. v, 3; I Cor. vii, 4).

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold, which perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ. It is most profitable study to meditate on the word 'precious' in these two epistles (I Pet. 1, 7, 19; II, 4, 7; I Pet. 1, 1, 4). Faith that cannot endure is very questionable faith. We must steadily believe and abide in Him (John vi, 34; I John v, 5). Then we shall see how all our light afflictions have been working out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory (I Cor. iv, 17).

"Whom having not seen ye love, in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unexpressed and full of glory." Some think that if they could only see Him they would love Him, but He said, 'Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed' (John vi, 29). To faith unseen things become very real and may be enjoyed almost as a present possession. The city which Abraham looked for, and the recompense of the reward which sustained Moses, and the glory to be revealed which Paul saw, were undoubtedly real to them and will be to us if we only believe (Heb. xi, 10, 25, 26; Rom. viii, 18).

"Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." This is not very clear unless it refers to the joy which comes from the assurance of salvation, which is an earnest and a pledge of the completed salvation at the revelation of Christ. The 'now' of the previous verse would point that way. It is our privilege to rejoice that we are the children of God and partners of the glory to be revealed (I Tim. 2; I Pet. v, 1; I John iii, 2).

"Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you. See Dan. 1, 2, 3; I Tim. 2, 2; I John v, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. To search diligently seems to be the same as John v, 8, and not any careless reading or superficial study, rather a constant day and night meditation as in Ps. 1, 2—a prayerful and persevering comparing of Scripture with Scripture in the Holy Spirit.

"Searching what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. It is the fact stated that the Spirit of Christ was in the prophets and may give some light upon chapter iii, 18-20, for the Spirit of Christ was in Noah. 'The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy' (Rev. xix, 10). Here is also the fact that the sufferer of the prophecy is the sufferings of Christ and the glory yet to be revealed. See this illustrated fully in Ps. xxii, and Isa. liii, as specimen chapters. By His suffering we are now redeemed, but we wait for the glory to be revealed, that we may minister to ourselves, but unto us, they did minister the things which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, which things the angels desire to look into.' Here are prophets and apostles, in the power of the Holy Spirit, ministering unto others. Angels also are ministering spirits. Even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister (Matt. x, 45), and it is the fact that His spirit will be our delight to be of benefit to others. Some things we, like the prophets, may have to pass on to others without fully comprehending them, the full understanding being only for millennial or later days.—Lesson Helper.

\$2000 Interest on a \$60 Deposit. The sum of \$2065, which has accrued in interest upon a \$60 deposit in a Boston savings bank, has just been turned over to the State. A deposit book representing that amount was taken from a prisoner named William Doyle some sixty years ago by the then City Marshal, Doyle died in 1831 without kin so far as known. In 1887 the book was found by a descendant of the City Marshal and turned over to the Public Administrator. Advertisements for Doyle's heirs met with no response, and the money may become the property of the Commonwealth.

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At the recent World's Fair the examination for the baking powder awards were directed by the chief chemist of the Agricultural Department at Washington. The chief chemist's official report of the tests of the baking powders, which was made for the specific purpose of ascertaining which was the best, shows the leavening strength of the Royal to be 160 cubic inches of carbonic gas per ounce of powder. Of the cream of tartar baking powders exhibited, the next highest in strength tested contained but 133 cubic inches of leavening gas. The other powders gave an average of 111. The Royal, therefore, was found of twenty per cent. greater leavening strength than its nearest competitor, and forty-four per cent. above the average of all the other tests. Its superiority in other respects, however, in the quality of the food it makes as to fineness, delicacy and wholesomeness, could not be measured by figures.

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Fortunes Made Amid Squalor.

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"August Flower"

"For two years I suffered terribly with stomach trouble, and was for all that time under treatment by a physician. He finally, after trying everything, said my stomach was worn out, and that I would have to cease eating solid food. On the recommendation of a friend I procured a bottle of August Flower. It seemed to do me good at once. I gained strength and flesh rapidly. I feel now like a new man, and consider that August Flower has cured me." Jas. E. Dederick, Saugerties, N.Y.

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