

JACOB'S WORSHIP
(Genesis 27:41 – 28:22)

- I. Rebekah's FEAR (Gen. 27:41-46)
 - A. Heard of Esau's plan to MURDER Jacob when Isaac DIED
 - B. Told Jacob to go to Laban for "a FEW DAYS"
 - C. Asked Isaac to SEND Jacob to Haran for a WIFE

- II. Isaac's FAITH (Gen. 28:1-5)
 - A. COMMANDED Jacob to find an APPROPRIATE wife
 - B. INVOKED God's BLESSING
 - 1. RESTATEMENT of the earlier blessing
 - 2. Specifically, the blessing God had promised to ABRAHAM and to ISAAC
 - 3. Indicative of Isaac's REPENTANCE
 - C. Sent him away with NOTHING

- III. Esau's FOLLY (Gen. 28:6-9)
 - A. Recognized his father's REPENTANCE
 - 1. His full APPROVAL of JACOB
 - 2. His DISAPPOINTMENT in ESAU
 - B. Recognized Jacob's OBEDIENCE
 - C. He MARRIED a daughter of ISHMAEL
 - 1. Attempting to REGAIN Isaac's FAVOR
 - 2. Demonstrating SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

IV. Jacob's FUTURE (Gen. 28:10-15)

A. Traveled toward Haran in OBEDIENCE to his PARENTS

B. Camped in BETHEL

1. Seemingly by RANDOM CHANCE

2. The place ABRAHAM built his first ALTAR

C. Heard from GOD in a DREAM

1. Saw a STAIRWAY from EARTH to HEAVEN

2. Heard the LORD SPEAK

a. Confirmed the COVENANT to JACOB

b. Promised present PROTECTION and PROVISION

V. Jacob's FAITH (Gen. 28:16-22)

A. Recognizes the PRESENCE of the LORD

B. Builds an ALTAR to WORSHIP God

1. Made an OFFERING

2. Named the place BETHEL, meaning "the HOUSE of GOD"

C. Made a VOW to GOD

1. Based on God's PROMISE of BLESSING

2. Promised his own FAITHFULNESS to GOD

3. Promised a TITHE of all God's BLESSING

VI. Lessons

A. The importance of MARRYING a BELIEVER

B. TITHING is based on the principle of God's OWNERSHIP of ALL

C. We can trust God to direct our STEPS and lead us in His WILL