

Preparing to Reign

Shalom,

The blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, has sealed the defeat of Satan for all who receive and connect themselves to His blood covenant by confessing with their mouth and trusting in their hearts.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

In the Torah reading for this week found in **Genesis 28:10 - 32:3**, which is called *Vayeitzei* in Hebrew, or “**And he went,**” from that Hebrew word, Jacob left his father’s house and the land of promise on a journey that was designed to prepare him to fulfill the call of God on his life. He was being prepared to take his place as **Israel, a prince with God**. His departure wasn’t particularly pleasant, but actually, necessary due to the way he had been party to deceiving his own father, and in so doing, had received a blessing that Isaac had thought he was giving Esau. We can argue that the blessing Isaac spoke by the Holy Spirit was actually ordained by God for Jacob, but the fact remains that Jacob had not shown his father the honor due him. It is also evident that his relationship with Esau was not love-based.

Each of us must have a personal encounter with the LORD that changes us from the inside out, changes our direction and replaces our way of doing things with God’s way of doing things through us. Yeshua referred to God’s way of doing things as “The Kingdom of God,” and the Word of God indicates that our ways and thoughts are not naturally the same as God’s thoughts and ways (Isaiah 55). One of Satan’s devices is to get us to think and to act just like he does. For us to overcome the enemy, we must hear God’s Word and choose to apply it to our lives, recognizing that our ways and our thoughts are fleshly and self-serving.

Our journey into the realm of trusting God and His Word often begins with crisis and a realization that what we have been doing is not working. Instead of remaining in a hopeless situation, we need to do as Jacob did and leave the former life behind. Jacob’s journey began in a desolate setting that came to be known as the House of God (Bethel). Each of us must come to a place in our lives where our loving Father reaches out to us to draw us unto Himself and to reveal His Word in us. His promises are rooted in the blessing that was spoken to Adam and have been repeated and confirmed through His Word to all who will enter into covenant with Him.

Notice the astounding and absolute way that God reveals His will to Jacob in a dream, indicating, in the original Hebrew, that what He is speaking is already a fact, not just a **promise**, as we normally define the word, but a **divine assurance of good**. We must come to this revelation, that **what YHWH calls, though it may not be presently seen, nevertheless it is an absolute fact.**

Romans 4:17 ... God, Who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Genesis 28:12 YLT And he dreameth, and lo, a ladder set up on the earth, and its head is touching the heavens; and lo, messengers of God are going up and coming down by it;

*Genesis 28:13 and lo, Jehovah is standing upon it, and He saith, 'I am Jehovah, God of Abraham thy father, and God of Isaac; **the land on which thou art lying, to thee I give it, and to thy seed;***

Genesis 28:14 and thy seed hath been as the dust of the land, and thou hast broken forth westward, and eastward, and northward, and southward, and all families of the ground have been blessed in thee and in thy seed.

Genesis 28:15 'And lo, I am with thee, and have kept thee whithersoever thou goest, and have caused thee to turn back unto this ground; for I leave thee not till that I have surely done that which I have spoken to thee.'

The Word of God spoken to Jacob is amazing. Though Jacob is an heir to Isaac, a very wealthy man, he is presently without a home, and all he owns are the clothes he is wearing and the staff in his hand, but God sees him fulfilling a great calling. He assures Jacob that He is with him to bring it all to pass in the manifest realm.

Pay close attention to the reply of Jacob, for it is of utmost importance in seeing all the magnificent promises of God to Jacob brought into the area of manifestation. Remember every promise of God is yea and amen to the glory of God by us, but **it brings glory to God when we receive His Word with faith.**

2 Corinthians 1:20 (KJV) ²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Genesis 28:20 YLT And Jacob voweth a vow, saying, 'Seeing God is with me, and hath kept me in this way which I am going, and hath given to me bread to eat, and a garment to put on--

Genesis 28:21 when I have turned back in peace unto the house of my father, and Jehovah hath become my God,

Genesis 28:22 then this stone which I have made a standing pillar is a house of God, and all that Thou dost give to me -- tithing I tithe to Thee.'

Jacob's response is to **make a vow** to the LORD in which he acknowledges that **he sees that God is with him, and he chooses to trust in every word spoken to him.** The Hebrew word for "Vow" is *neder*, and indicates a **verbal and voluntary promise**. Notice, that in order for Jacob to make this vow, **he had to confess with his mouth that which he believed in his heart**, and we know that that is the Bible pattern for *Trust*. Another interesting element about the Hebrew word for vow is that it **indicates a kind of thank offering**. Beginning on this Thanksgiving Day, choose to **express your gratitude for all the assurances (promises) that YHWH has spoken to us in His Word. Certainly, there is no greater expression of faith than to give thanks for that which has been spoken without physical manifestation having been seen.**

Jacob was not only believing for what God had spoken, but **he was joining himself to God Who had spoken the words by His own testimony** that what had been spoken was an established and

settled fact in his life. **Therefore, as he believed, he received and gave thanks accordingly, making future plans for his return to the land according to what was spoken, and entering into partnership with God through his tithe.**

Certainly, we, who are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, have been given the immutable Word of God that establishes our place in Him. We are His forever and nothing can pluck us out of His hand. All of our lives are hid with the Messiah, in God. As we take our place in Him, all the plans of the enemy are cancelled, and we are more than conquerors through the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. We will reign with Him in His kingdom forever. Let's give thanks with deep gratitude to our God Who has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness.

Romans 5:17 (KJV) ¹⁷ For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Happy Thanksgiving!
Thanking God,
Terry