

Sunday, November 19, 2017
Jacob's Stairway from Heaven
Genesis 28; John 1:45–51

- I. The Back Story: the Reason Jacob Is Here Gen. 27
 - A. The Scheme: Jacob to Steal the Blessing from Esau
 - 1. The Father, Isaac, Is Drawing up His Last Will
 - 2. But God Had Designated Jacob to Be the Beneficiary
 - 3. Isaac Is Purposefully Trying to Thwart the Will of God
 - 4. The Mother, Rebekah, Is Scheming for Jacob to Be the Beneficiary
 - 5. The Brother, Esau
 - 6. The Brother, Jacob
 - B. The Result: Rebekah and Jacob Pulled off the Scheme
- II. The Setting: the Dream Jacob Is Having Gen. 28
 - A. When
 - B. Where
 - C. What
 - D. Who
- III. The Purpose: Why Is Jacob Being Given this Revelation?
 - A. God Is Confirming the Covenant to Jacob 28:13–15
 - B. God Is Opening the Way to Himself
 - 1. God Is Reversing the Tower of Babel
 - 2. God Is Giving His Love to Jacob
 - C. God Is Giving Us a Picture of Jesus Christ John 1:45–51

Quotes

“Do your best to be the kind of spouse, parent, or child God wants you to be [by God’s grace], but never take your eyes off of the One who actually holds your family’s future. If things are going well in your home right now, don’t be fooled into thinking that somehow you have made it that way. Look again; your home is broken beneath the surface and able to disintegrate in a moment. So, give God the thanks He deserves and earnestly pray for His continuing mercy in the future. But if things are not going well in your home, don’t give up on the hope of redemption. God delights in showing His amazing saving power through people who have nothing left. Whatever the condition of your family may be, turn to the One who holds the future in His hands and ask Him to honor Himself through your broken home.”

—Richard Pratt

"There is tremendous relief in knowing that His love to me is utterly realistic, based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me, so that no discovery now can disillusion Him about me, in the way I am so often disillusioned about myself, and quench his determination to bless me...For some unfathomable reason He wants me as His friend, and desires to be my friend, and has given His Son to die for me in order to realize this purpose."

—J. I. Packer