

Jacob and Jehovah

Genesis 28

In Genesis 28, Jacob encountered the One Who loved him and chose him. God met with Jacob and turned Jacob's heart toward the LORD.

- I. Jacob's _____ from Home
 - A. The _____ for Jacob leaving home (1-5)
 - 1. The threat of Esau's _____ (27:36, 41-45)
 - 2. The prospect of Jacob's _____ (1-2)
 - 3. The blessing on Jacob's _____ (3-5)
 - B. The _____ of Jacob leaving home (6-9)
- II. Jacob's _____ of Heaven
 - A. He went to a far _____ (10-11)
 - B. He was given a fresh _____ (12-15)
 - C. He gained a firm _____ (16-17)

III. Jacob's _____ to Worship

- A. He acted _____ (18a)
- B. He acted _____ (18b-19)
- C. He acted _____ (20-22)

How precious it must have seemed as it came to Jacob in that den of a place, where he lay with the hedges for his curtains, the heavens for his canopy, the earth for his bed, stones for his pillow, and God for his companion!

"I am with you. Tomorrow, when you shall open your eyes, you will look back to the west and say, 'I have left my father's house and my mother, Rebecca, behind me.' And the tears will be in your eyes and you will look to the east and say, 'I am going to the house of my mother's kindred and I know them not, except that I have heard concerning Uncle Laban that he is hard and grasping. And I know not how he will receive me.'"

But is not that a precious thing to start upon a journey with—"I am with you—I, the Ever-Blessed? Though your mother is not with you, I am with you." Is there any young friend here who is leaving home? Are you going away for the first time and do you feel sad? Or are you about to emigrate to a distant country and your heart feels heavy? Do not go at all till you can get a hold of this—"I am with you."

- Charles Spurgeon