

Jacob meets the Lord Genesis 28

Genesis 28 - Jacob and Isaac

Jacob's blessing - Genesis 28:1-5 and
Jacob's dream - Genesis 28:10-22.

Contingent decisions – Genesis 28:6-9

Precept: Joshua 24:15 - For a Christian there have to be decisions that are always aligned with what God desires no matter what others are doing; who we worship, who we marry and what we choose as our work.

Summary: God's will is done; even though it was done in a way that was not God's way; it was nevertheless done. The culprit in all of this may be Rebekah.

Jacob's blessing – Genesis 28:1-5

Precept: God so empowered the Patriarchs that their words took on life; they prophesied what was coming.

Summary: Jacob was blessed twice by his father; but, God chose him and Paul reminds us of this in Romans 9:7-13.

Jacob's dream – Genesis 28:10-22

Concept: God moments are real and they happen to each of us. It is important to realize that any encounter with God is life altering whether you are fully aware of it or not.

Precept: There are no gods of this world that communicate; the God of the Bible is the only communicating God (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Summary: John 1:50-51

Conclusion: Symbols can be important but we must resist making the symbol more important than the reality that it represents.

Our God was first the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Then He was the God of the tribes of Israel, and today God is the God of all who are the children of Abraham by faith and they are called by God through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to go and make disciples of all nations that we all might be part of this great blessing.

Jacob's vow should remind us of how dependent we are on God.

Notice what he anticipates from God;

God's presence; God's provision and God's protection.