

GENESIS 32; February 1; Jacob Wrestles with God

ANALYSIS:

1. As Jacob approaches his former home and Esau, how does God encourage him?

2. What words does Jacob instruct his servants to use in telling Esau he is back? _____

3. Let's study Jacob's prayer (vs 9--12). (1) The Name he addresses. (2) The command he is obeying. (3) The promise God made. (4) His unworthiness of God's blessings. (5) His grave danger and need. (6) Again he refers to God's promise.

4. What request did Jacob ask of the "man" who wrestled with him?

5. What were the results of Jacob wrestling all night with the "man?"

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

"For as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed (v 28). The infinite God says this man Jacob has power with Him! Amazing grace! Was it Jacob's insistence that God bless him (v 26)? Or Jacob's tireless physical wrestling (vs 24-25)? Or Jacob's seeking God in the night (v 24)? Or Jacob's confidence in God's blessing (v 30)? Surely these factors are important but God's grace brought the blessing!

Why do we sometimes falter in our praying? Do the blessings Jacob received from wrestling all night with the angel ("Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed" Hos 12:3-4) encourage you and me to pray, prayer longer and pray expecting an answer?

HELP:

1. The angels of God met him in the way (v 1).
2. My lord Esau, thy servant Jacob, tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight (vs 4-5).
3. (1) O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD. (2) Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred. (3) I will deal well with thee. (4) I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies .. now I am become two bands. (5) Deliver me ... from the hand of Esau. (6) Again he counts on God to keep His promise.
4. I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
5. Thigh out of joint (physical), name changed to Israel (character changed), declared to have power with God and with men (spiritual).