

Jacob Flees From Esau & Jacob's Dream

Genesis 27:41-28:22

This is Jacob. He received his father's blessing and birthright. You notice he is alone. He has also traveled by foot 500 miles. Listen carefully to hear why Jacob is 500 miles from home and alone.

Prayer

Lord open Thou my heart to hear
And through Thy Word to me draw near;
Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain,
Let me Thy child and heir remain. Amen

The Story - Genesis 27:41 - 28:22

So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

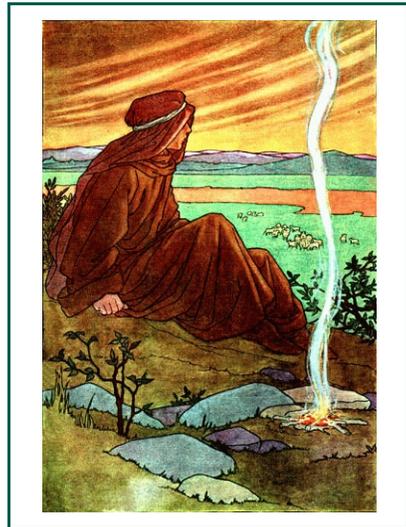
{42} And the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, "Surely your brother Esau comforts himself concerning you by intending to kill you. {43} "Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran. {44} "And stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury turns away, {45} "until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereaved also of you both in one day?"

{46} And Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these who are the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

(Genesis 28) Then Isaac called

Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. {2} "Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. {3} "May God Almighty bless you, And make you fruitful and multiply you, That you may be an assembly of peoples; {4} And give you the blessing of Abraham, To you and your descendants with you, That you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, Which God gave to Abraham." {5} So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

{6} Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan," {7} and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and



had gone to Padan Aram. {8} Also Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac. {9} So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.

{10} Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. {11} So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. {12} Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. {13} And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. {14} "Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

{15} "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

{16} Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." {17} And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

{18} Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. {19} And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.

{20} Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, {21} "so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. {22} "And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

Outer Aim - God stayed with Jacob and blessed him even when he had to flee from his angry brother.

Inner Aim - God is always with us and blesses us with true faith.

What the Story Tells Us - Use the words from the ladder to fill in the CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

Across

1. Jacob dreamed of a ____ going up to heaven with angels going up and down.

4. Jacob went to the country of ____ to escape Esau.

5. God gave Jacob ____ when He spoke in the dream.

6. Jacob rested his ____ on a rock.

Down

1. Rachel's brother.

2. Jacob had a ____ about heaven

3. Jacob's mother.

5. Jacob named the special place where he had the dream ____ .

What the Bible Tells Us - Use Genesis 28:13-15 to fill in the blanks of the blessings Jacob received from God.

{14}... "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the _____ on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. {14} "Also your descendants shall be as the _____ of the earth; you shall _____ to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the _____ of the _____ shall be _____. {15} "Behold, I am with you and will _____ you wherever you go, and will _____ you back to this land; for I will not _____ you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

Your Turn - What do you know about angels? Read these passages and discuss the questions.

Ps. 91:11 - He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

1. Why are the angels sent by God?

Hebrews 1:14 - Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

2. Whom did God create the angels to serve (minister)?

3. Look up these angels that appeared in visible form. Write the name of the person to whom they appeared.

Luke 1:11-12 _____

Luke 1:26-27 _____

Luke 2:8-9 _____

Mark 16:1, 5-6 _____

Passages

Psalm 50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

John 1:51- And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

1 Timothy 2:5 - For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.

Hymn - TLH #425 v.1, 6

All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Tho' all earthly wealth depart.
He who trusts with faith unshaken
In his God is not forsaken
And e'er keeps a dauntless heart.

If on earth my days He lengthen,
He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.

Prayer

My Father in heaven, I am just beginning my journey in life. Since I do not know what awaits me in life, please take me and my future into Your hands. Help me to trust in You and Your saving Gospel so that I can share that "Good News" with others. Amen.