

“Jacob Was a Man Who Sought the Blessing of God”

(Sunday Morning January 20th, 2019)

Passage: Genesis 32:22-32

Gen 32:10 “I am unworthy of all the lovingkindness and of all the faithfulness which You have shown to Your servant; for with my staff only I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two companies.”

Gen 12:2-3 “(God Said to Abram) 2 And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

Jacob’s name, on this occasion, was changed from “Jacob” to “Israel”, and this became the name of the nation that God had promised to A_____.

I. Jacob Wanted the Blessing Enough to R_____ for IT

Gen 25:23 “...”Two nations are in your womb; and two peoples will be separated from your body; and one people shall be stronger than the other; and the older shall serve the younger.”

Isaac and Rebekah decided to name their second child “Jacob” which literally means “H_____ G_____” or “The G_____ One.”

John 1:47 (Reference)

Gen 27:28-29 “28 Now may God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and an abundance of grain and new wine; 29 May peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you; Be master of your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, and blessed be those who bless you.”

The Blessing represented p_____, and s_____, and a_____ and power.

We always get into trouble when we place our trust in our own w_____, and our own m_____, instead of placing our trust in God’s w_____ and God’s m_____.

Eph 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ”

II. Jacob Wanted the Blessing Enough to R_____ It

1) This Was an I_____ Prayer

Matt 6:6 “...when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you”

2) This Was an I_____ Prayer

i. He Claimed the P_____ of God – vs 9

ii. He Claimed the P_____ of God – vs 10

iii. He Claimed the P_____ of God – vs 11

iv. He Claimed the P_____ of God - vs 12

Isa 45:11 "Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: 'Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons; and concerning the work of My hands, you command Me.'" (NKJV)

3) This Was an I_____ Prayer

The word "Peniel" literally means "The F_____ of G_____", and Jacob tells us that he saw the Lord face to face on this occasion.

This is called i_____, and it means that we continue to seek God persistently and intensely in prayer until we are finally able to lay hold of what we have been asking for.

James 5:16 "...the effectual FERVENT prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (KJV) (Emphasis Added)

Mark 7:27 "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

Mark 7:28 "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs."

Luke 18:7 "...will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?"

III. Jacob Wanted the Blessing Enough to R_____ It

It is as though the Lord was f_____ Jacob with His left hand and h_____ Jacob with his right hand.

Luke 24:28 "... (as) they approached the village where they were going, ...He acted as though He was going farther"

1) The Lord C_____ Jacob

The Lord did this because He could not help Jacob to become who He wanted him to be until he first a_____ who he was.

2) The Lord C_____ Jacob

He said, your name is "Jacob" which means "The Deceptive One," But I am going to give you a new name "Israel" which means "The P_____ of God."

3) The Lord C_____ Jacob

Heb 11:21 "(Jacob)...blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshipped, leaning on the top of his staff"

Question = Why did the Lord dislocate Jacob's hip?

Answer = In order to take away his s_____ - _____.

Psa 51:17 "...a broken and a contrite spirit, O God, you will not despise..."