

JACOB'S EXILE

God Affirms His Covenant With Jacob

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Genesis:28

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Outline:

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| I. | Adam and Noah | 1-11 |
| II. | Abraham | 12-25 |
| III. | Isaac and Jacob | 26-36 |
| IV. | Joseph | 37-50 |

Abrahamic Covenant

Summarized in three elements:

- 1. Land for His possession 12:7 15:18-21 17:8**
- 2. Seed Deliverer 12:7 15:4 17:2-7 22:18 (Gal 3:8,14,16 refers to Christ)**
- 3. Blessing for all the nations 12:3 15:1 17:7**

Review

- A. God chose Abraham to receive His promises of the Abrahamic covenant.**
- B. God told Abraham that Isaac, was His choice as heir to receive His covenant promises.**
- C. Abraham accepted God's choice of Isaac to receive His covenant promises and sent His older brother, Ishmael away.**
- D. God chose Jacob over his twin brother Esau, to be the heir of His covenant promises.**
- E. Isaac resisted God's choice of Jacob by determining to bless Esau.**

Theme: God is holy, loving, gracious, patient, willing to forgive and just. In our verses today, there are three responses to God's revealed character by men: obedience, rejection and worship.

Key Verse: Genesis 28:15 "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 promised you."

I. Isaac's Instructions-Evidence of Repentance **28:1-5**

- 1. Isaac instructs Jacob to travel to Padden-aram to obtain a wife.**
 - A. Jacob is not to marry a local woman from Canaan.**
 - B. Jacob is to marry a woman from the country of his mother (Rebekah).**
 - C. Jacob is to marry a daughter of Rebekah's brother (Laban)**

2. Isaac submits his will to God's choice of who is to be the heir of his blessing.
 - a. Isaac prays for God to bless Jacob; to become fruitful, a mighty nation.
 - b. Isaac prays for God to bless Jacob; to possess the land given to Abraham
3. Isaac sends Jacob away from the Promised Land and to Laban's house.

Review

- A. Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for some stew and despised it.
- B. Esau married two Canaanite wives.
- C. Esau told others that after Isaac died, he would kill Jacob.

II. Esau's Efforts – Exercise of Unbelief

28:6-9

1. Esau observes Isaac's blessing of Jacob and his instructions for a wife.
2. Esau observes Jacob's obedience to the instructions of his parents.
3. Esau observes Isaac's displeasure with his two Canaanite wives.
4. Esau foolishly marries Ishmael's daughter in an effort to earn his father's blessing

Review

- A. Jacob exploited his brother's hunger and ignorance to obtain his birthright.
- B. Jacob deceived his father in order to receive his blessing intended for Esau.
- C. Jacob is preparing to run away from Esau's threat to kill him.

III. Jacob's Joy – Encouragement of New Faith

28:10-22

1. Jacob was forced to leave his home and family and was alone in the wilderness.
2. God affirms to Jacob that he will be the heir to His covenant promises to Isaac:
 - a. Land – given to you and your descendants

- b. Seed – many descendants, a great nation, the Seed, Jesus Christ**
 - c. Blessing – in you and your family all families blessed**
- 3. God encourages Jacob by adding to His covenant promises, these promises:**
 - a. I will protect you everywhere you go.**
 - b. I will bring you back from Haran to the Promised Land.**
 - c. I will be present with you until I have fulfilled My promises.**
- 4. Jacob responds to God's appearance to him, by worshiping Him.**
 - a. He acknowledged God's presence and his fear of God.**
 - b. He erected a memorial to remember God's appearance to him.**
 - c. He entrusted himself to the Lord, acknowledging Him as his God.**

IV. Application

- 1. Believers need to repent of their sin to be reconciled to God.**
- 2. Those who reject God are lost in their sin and unable to please God in any way.**
- 3. God will be present with those whom He has saved; to protect, to provide and to fulfill all He has promised.**
- 4. Jesus Christ will save those who respond to the gospel in repentance and faith.**