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Jacob's Ladder

Genesis twenty-eight is the story of Jacob's ladder, and it begins with the flight of Jacob to escape the wrath of his brother, Esau. Esau had promised since the days of mourning for his father were at hand that he would kill Jacob as the first order of business after the funeral.

Esau had gone hunting to find venison for Isaac's favorite dinner, and then to receive the blessing. Now Rebekah favored his twin brother Jacob, and the two of them deceived Isaac who was blind, by killing a couple of goats, and Jacob took the stewed goat in to his blind father, and told him he had brought him the venison. Jacob lied, it was not venison; it was stewed goat. Isaac recognized the voice of Jacob, and said, "Who are you?" Jacob lied, and said "I am Esau." Isaac knew Esau was a hairy man, and Jacob a smooth man," so Isaac said, "Come here, and let me feel you." Isaac felt him, not knowing that Jacob had goatskin on his arms. Isaac said it is the voice of Jacob, but the hand of Esau. Isaac trusted his feeling, rather than the voice, and fell for the lie, and blessed Jacob. There are many who are deceived today, because they trust their feelings, rather than the voice of God, speaking through His word. Their faith is not based on the voice of Jacob, but the hand of Esau? Millions today base their faith on the sandy foundation of the hands of Esau.

It was no longer safe to stay at home, and verse ten says, Jacob went out. Sin always drives a person out. Sin drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden. Sin drove Peter out when he denied the Lord. We are told that he went out and wept bitterly. Sin drove Judas out when he would betray Jesus. He went out and it was night. Here in this story, Jacob is driven out, because he deceived his blind father. Sin always drives a person out.

Sin drives many out today. Some are driven out of the church by worldliness. That is why some drop out of Church; they are driven out by sin. The obedient to the Lord, and disobedient cannot live together. The final driving out will be on the day of judgment when sinners go out; into

the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. So Jacob is driven out.

Now in this account of Jacob's ladder, he came to a certain place and lay down to sleep. He made his pillow from stones. This pillow of rocks would turn out to be the best night's sleep he ever had. That night he had a dream that has haunted men for thousands of years. In this dream the Lord appeared unto him and gave him a message.

The dream that Jacob had is one of the greatest dreams ever recorded, the dream of Jacob's ladder. He dreamed that he saw a ladder set up on earth, and it reached all the way to heaven. At the top of the ladder was God, and scampering up and down the ladder were angels, going up and down, up and down. God stood at the top of the ladder, and announced to him, "I am the God of Abraham, thy father, and the God of thy father, Isaac, the land whereon thou liest; to thee will I give it, and to thy seed. Thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

God Himself was at the top of the ladder. The message of God emanated from Heaven from the top of the ladder, and not at the bottom of the ladder on earth. The message from God always comes from the top of the ladder, and not from men at the bottom of the ladder.

Jesus told the Apostles in John 14:26, "But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you." Jesus did not trust the memory of the Apostles to write the gospel message as they remembered it, but sent the Holy Spirit to make sure they remembered it correctly. Therefore when you read the word of God you are reading the inspired word of God that come right off the top of the ladder.

Paul declared, "I make known unto you the gospel that I preach unto you, that it is not after man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ." Paul said; "I did not get my message from the bottom of the

ladder; but from the top of the ladder.”

Peter said that God’s divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. Every thing Peter wrote was right off the top of the ladder.

A great example of God speaking from the top of the ladder was on the Day of Pentecost. There came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind. The sound came straight down from the top of the ladder. The Apostles were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spake the word of God as the Spirit gave them utterance. The sermon preached on the Day of Pentecost came right off the top of the ladder. There are one thousand, one hundred, and eighty-nine chapters in the word of God, and every one of them came from the top of the ladder.

There are many ladders that men may try to reach heaven, but none of them are tall enough. Some try the ladder of money. Money may conquer cancer, and extend life on earth a few more years, but that ladder is not tall enough to reach immortality in Heaven.

Men may try the ladder of scientific achievement, and find a way to populate Venus, and Mars; but the Ladder which is Jesus, is the only way to populate Heaven.

Some may try the ladder of good works, but there is none righteous, no not one, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Jesus said, “No one cometh unto the Father, but by me.” He that try’s to climb up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

There is only one ladder that will go all the way to heaven, and one elevator. The elevator is for Christians only, and no one else, and it will be used just one time when Jesus comes again. Paul tells us the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God, and all the Christians, both living, and dead will ride right up, and meet the Lord in the air, at the top of the ladder, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Now when Jacob awakened out of his dream he said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not.” There is nothing like a pillow full of rocks to draw people closer to God. It is when we are down for the count that we draw closer to God. Look at the Sunday bulletin, and see the numerous requests for prayer for the sick. Someone has said, “The list is like an organ recital. It is full of requests for hearts, livers, and kidneys.” I hate to admit it, but when the funds are low, I pray harder then ever for the ongoing of this broadcast. It was not until Jacob slept on a rocky pillow that he awakened and said, “The Lord was in this place, and I knew it not.” He did not say, “I know it not”-he said, “I knew it not,” past tense. God was there all the time, and Jacob had no idea God was there.

How many times has God’s work been working in your life, and you knew it not? I can think of a few times when there was a cross road in my life, and later on I had to say, “God was in that place, and I knew it not.”

THE LADDER IS JESUS

The ladder is Jesus. In the gospel according to John, chapter one: Philip told Nathanael, “We have found the Messiah.” Nathanael said, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip said, “Come and see.”

When Jesus saw Nathanael, He said: “Behold an

Israelite indeed in whom there is no quile.” Nathanael said, “Rabbi, whence knowest thou me?” Jesus said, “Yesterday when you were under the fig tree, I saw thee.” Because of this insight of Jesus, Nathanael said, “Rabbi, thou art the Son of God, Thou art the King of Israel.”

Then Jesus exploded this explanation on him about Jacob’s ladder. He said, “Thou shall see the angels of heaven ascending and descending upon the Son of man.” According to the Lord, He is Jacob’s ladder.

Jesus is a perfect explanation of the Ladder. Jesus came down to man from Heaven, and now man can go up that ladder to Heaven. Jacob saw the angels going up and down the ladder; first to earth, then back to heaven, then back to earth again. Remember how the apostle Paul said the angels are ministering spirits, sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit eternal salvation. The angels are serving the Christians today. We can’t see them because they are spirits, and we can’t see spirits, because we walk by faith, and not by sight.

Evidently earth is not as isolated from heaven as far as some think it is. When Jacob heard the promise of God, He said: “This is the House of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven.”

WE MUST CLIMB THE LADDER

We must climb the ladder. In his vision Jacob saw God standing at the top of the ladder. God welcomes all who will climb the ladder. However, remember it was a ladder Jacob saw in his dream, and not an escalator.

Some think that everybody some day will glide right into heaven, a ladder requires some climbing. The gospel chorus says, “We are climbing Jacob’s ladder, we are climbing Jacob’s ladder, we are climbing Jacob’s ladder, Soldiers of the cross.” Now here is the way it really is: Heaven is not gained by a single bound, but by climbing the ladder round by round.

Here we go. Put your foot on the first rung, hearing the word of God. In Romans 10:17 Paul says, “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Next, put your foot on the second rung of faith. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,” Hold on now, you are not there yet. No one believes in Jesus any more than the Devil, and remember James tells us the Devil believes and trembles.

The next two rungs are found in the second chapter of the book of Acts when Peter told thousands who believed that Jesus was the risen Son of God to, “Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Then Luke who wrote the book of Acts tells us the Lord added to the Church day by day those that were saved. The saved were those who believed, repented, and were immersed for the remission of sins. Remember Jacob said, “This is the House of God, and this is the Gate of heaven.” Those who are in the Church are living next door to heaven.

Hear it again: “Heaven is not gained by a single bound, but by climbing the ladder round by round. “We are climbing Jacob’s ladder-We are climbing Jacob’s ladder-We are climbing Jacob’s ladder-Soldiers of the cross-Every rung goes higher, higher-Every rung goes higher, higher-Every rung goes higher, higher-Soldiers of the cross.”

IKE & LEE UPDATE

The weather here is still favorable for our work for the Lord; no much sun so there is not plenty of or no sweat at all. We had many brethren from different part of the country who traveled home for family reunion during the festivals joining us to win souls for Christ. Many of these brethren were also enrolled in the Bible Study Lessons and some also took more introductory Lessons with them to other brethren in their various congregations. They were also told of the GIJAPA SW Radio Broadcast and they promised to listen to it when they go back. We praised the Lord for that!

BIBLES

We thank GIJAPA for the 9 cases of Red Bibles, 30 copies of Large Print Bibles and the Bibles in our local languages sent to us in the month. This has actually relieved us of the pressure on us for Bibles for many who are not students of our Bible Lessons.

Our special thanks goes to every one of you who heard our cry for help for Bibles and responded with your never-forgotten gifts for more. We pray that the Lord Himself based on His unfailing promises replenish you with whatever you have imparted for this cause, may God bless richly bless you all. We ask that you should also pray for all these people so that they can benefit from using these Bibles. Nevertheless, more requests for Bibles are coming every day so please keep sending in your gifts to GIJAPA for them to be able to send us more Bibles for the people.

LESSONS

We receive between 40 - 100 letters requesting for enrollment in the course twice a week. We however strictly select who to be enrolled based on the construction and grammar of the letters to us. We are collecting more lessons from our designated point of collections next month.

CLOTHES

THE TRUTH on behalf of our congregation, other sister congregations and all the village folks who received some of the clothing donated by individuals and congregations (Marshall Church of Christ, Leesburg Church of Christ, Church of Christ at Grissom in Indiana) would like to say a very big thank you for the clothes. You have truly assisted in clothing the poor and this is exactly what the Lord asks us to do. May the good Lord richly bless you for the gesture, and to those congregations that want to send some more clothing, we say may God bless you in advance!

LETTERS FROM SOME BENEFICIARIES OF OUR MATERIALS:

"Thank you for the 'Twi' Bibles for me and my wife, we can now read and well understand the word of God in our language. The English Bible is sometimes very hard to understand. Now we can understand and teach others about what the Bible says." Mr. and Mrs. Nkum - Agona Swedru, Ghana

"I danced praising my God for my prayer answered for a Bible in my own language. Thank you so much Ike and Lee and those you said made it possible for the Bibles. You said we should thank those people and not you, but for you I wouldn't have received the Bible? Thank you!!" Fusena Alhasan Grace - Kumasi, Ghana

"I just don't know how to thank you and those who you said sent the Bibles for the bold print Bible for and the one in our own language for my wife. We thank you and everybody so much for the Bibles. Though it is barely 6 months now since we requested for them, you eventually supplied them. May God bless you. Unfortunately for us, we can't hear the radio broadcast in our area. We thank you." Mathaias Agbeko - Ho, Ghana.

We thank you so much and may God richly bless you for all you are doing for us and the people we are winning for Christ. **Together we are winning souls!**
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Letters

Dear Evangelist Bousman,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ the author and the finisher of our faith. Thank you so much for your broadcast "God Is Just A Prayer Away" which I listen to on Radio Africa every Monday at 7 PM. May God continue to enlarge your coast and your ministry shall be lifted up to the heights of unlimited greatness. I am writing to express my joy for your broadcast I'm very happy I came across your programme, I can't tell you how much I appreciate the Bible and the Bible studies you sent to me. I've so richly blessed by them and they've been a source of blessing and of spiritual food to me. And as a student, they are the best thing I need now that I'm tasty for Christ His words and his teachings. I'd like to say Thank You for the love you've shown to me and the Gospel materials you sent to me. But

please don't stop there! Keep sending your materials and Bible studies.

Yours sincerely in Christ.
Gideon from Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Ed,

I am writing to you to let you know that I enjoy your radio program on Sunday evenings. I listen to it on 1140 on the AM dial at 9:30 PM out of Richmond, Virginia. As a member of the Mentor Church of Christ in Mentor, Ohio, I find your Bible-based sermons helpful in my spiritual walk. I look forward to your program each week.

Regards,
Dan from Concord, Ohio

Dear Ed and Naomi,

It's the Lord's Day this end and am going to church thought of saying how are you? Really me and my wife are really enjoying your radio broadcasts, We have heard Jesus In The Midst and What Jesus Is Doing...we are also reading the books, the Bible dictionary is such a blessing to us. I also sent an email when I had come back from Kenya did you receive it? GOD BLESS YOU.

Yours, Raymond from UGANDA

Dear Brother in Christ,

I received your letter and noted the contents thereof. I am an Indian teaching here in Eritrea in a school. I am sorry to hear that they are sending the cassettes and the other Bible study materials back to you. One thing I know here many Christians are put in prison for their faith. But I am sure one day God will open a door for them to worship Him freely. Now they are not allowed to worship openly but they do it hidingly. We can uphold them in our prayers. So kindly send my answers from my Bible Studies back to India to my mother. So that when I get back I can use these materials. I praise God for this opportunity to learn more about His word. Thanking you.

Yours in Christ,
M. Anne from INDIA

Dear Mr. Bushman,

Hearty greetings in the precious and lovely name of our Savior Jesus Christ. I am very happy to write this letter to you hope you are fine. Thank you all for regularly sending to me your "GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY" newsletter. I received and I am so glad my location is Eritrea. I am so grateful and write and ask for the Bible course and CD, because I don't have tape recorder or radio but in our job means Ghedem Construction Company there is a computer I can listen through it. I kindly await your reply.

Natnael, E. Africa

Dear Brother in Christ, Ed

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Firstly, thank you for the NIV Bible and Bible Study materials such as Studies in the Bible and Discipling for Jesus and additional New Testament Sermon books (3 Volumes) and monthly sermons with letters. If possible please send me some tracts I think you know how the condition is in Eritrea. Most of the Churches of Christ are closed in our country and Christians are in prison due to Christ, but they are not guilty they are free men. As the word of God, we do not be worry but be ready as Christians. Pray for us and the world. I want to be continue the relation with you. May God richly bless you!

Most sincerely in Christian love.
Mesfin from Eritrea, E. Africa

Dear friend in Christ,

First all thank to send for equitation of God. However I am fine. I hope every thing okay. Please if you have possibility I am free from all government of Eritrea as you know the Eritrea government very hard you couldn't be free any thing. So that please send my remaining Bible Study papers. I want to receive certificate. I am working USA embassy in Eritrea. Security guard.
At last God bless you.

Mossier from Eritrea, E. Africa

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