

The Man Jacob

Chapter 28

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- ▣ Jacob is to be understood in two primary ways:
- ▣ 1) He is the picture of the believer...
- ▣ 2) He is a prototype of the Jewish Nation...

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- ▣ 1) Jacob means “holder of the heel or supplanter”
- ▣ Jacob was clearly, decidedly, evidently, manifestly, greatly the object of God’s election.
- ▣ Romans 9:10-14...
- ▣ The Jewish Nation is the object of God’s Election... Deut. 10:15 “Elect by Race”
- ▣ You too are God’s elect: Rom. 11:5 “Elect by Grace”

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- ▣ 2) Jacob was loved before he was born...
Rom.9:11-13
- ▣ The Jewish nation was loved before it was born
- ▣ Jer.31:2,3
- ▣ Before Jeremiah was born God Loved him and had a plan for him. Jer. 1:5
- ▣ God elected you before you were born and has a plan for your Life. Jer.29:11
- ▣ God takes pleasure in blessing you. Phil. 2:3;
Eph.1:5

- ▣ 3) Jacob was altogether lacking in natural attractiveness
- ▣ God's answer to low self esteem:
- ▣ 1 Sam.16:7 God looks on the heart
- ▣ Phil.2:3 Esteem others higher than ourselves
- ▣ Rom.12:3 Honestly evaluate ourselves
- ▣ 4) Jacob is the one from whom the Twelve Tribes emerged.
- ▣ But he runs away from the promised land...
- ▣ He's more interested in his own selfish purposes
- ▣ Rather than in keeping God's covenant promises...
- ▣ Jacob flees backward to Haran...

- ▣ Jacob has a dream which reveals he is the continuation of the covenant (Gen.28:13-15)
- ▣ The promises grow in fulfillment through the birth of 12 sons ... significance of numerical growth
- ▣ Jacob wrestles with God and his name changes from cheater to one who strives with God Chapter 32:22-31
- ▣ The name change signifies a relationship change
- ▣ Growth in Grace always means a change in lifestyle.
- ▣ A change in attitude: Matt. 5:1-12
- ▣ A change in thinking: Phil.4:8
- ▣ A change in emotions: 1 Thess.4:13

- ▣ Jacob is the one whom God declared should be served Gen.25:23; Gen.27:29 and Is.49: 22,23 “they shall bow down to thee”
- ▣ Who is thee? 1 Pe.2:9 “you are included”!
- ▣ Jacob was the one whom God gave the earthly inheritance Gen.27:28; 28:13
- ▣ The Jews receive an earthly inheritance.
- ▣ You receive an earthly inheritance Rom.8:16,17;Eph.1:7
- ▣ Jacob valued the blessing of God, but sought it in carnal ways, totally opposed to faith Gen.26:27

Summary

- ▣ Abraham represents “Father” Produce, Provide, Protect- First in order... received by grace lived out by faith
- ▣ Isaac represents son-ship, heir-ship and submission received by grace lived out by faith
- ▣ Jacob represents the servant, grace and the life of faith received by sovereign grace and lived out by faith
- ▣ Isaac foreshadowed the doctrine of a new birth
- ▣ Jacob mirrors the problem of two natures

The Order of Purpose

- ▣ Father
- ▣ Son
- ▣ Servant
- ▣ Man places son-ship at the end of a life of service
- ▣ God places son-ship at the beginning of a life of service
- ▣ Man says serve God in order to become his son
- ▣ But God says you must first be my child in order to serve me acceptably.
- ▣ Serve the Lord with gladness Ps.100