

## IS THAT YOU GOD? ~ Genesis 28:10-22

→ Scripture Reading Psalm 139:7-12

### JACOB HEARS FROM GOD ~ Genesis 28:10-15

[10] Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. [11] When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep.

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[12] He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. [13] There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "**I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac.** I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. [14] Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

#### Promised to Jacob @ Bethel

Gen. 28: I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

Gen. 28:14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth...

Gen. 28:14...and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south.

#### Promised to Abraham @ Bethel

Gen. 13:15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

Gen. 13:16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth...

Gen. 13:14 ...Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west.

**Jacob's heart was probably filled with regret for the PAST, loneliness in the PRESENT, and uncertainty about the FUTURE** McDonald

[15] I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

#### GOD'S PROMISES TO JACOB

- I am WITH you
- I will WATCH over you
- I will BRING you BACK here
- I will not LEAVE you

### JACOB'S RESPONSE TO GOD ~ Genesis 28:16-17

[16] When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "**Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.**" [17] He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

### JACOB'S VOW TO GOD ~ Genesis 28:18-22

[18] Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. [19] **He called that place BETHEL**, though the city used to be called Luz. [20] **Then Jacob made a VOW**, saying, "**IF God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear** [21] so that I return safely to my father's house, **THEN** the LORD will be my God [22] and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

## God IF You Will...

- PROTECT and provide
- bring me Safely BACK

## THEN...

- You will be MY God
- Bethel will become a place of WORSHIP
- I will GIVE You 10% of ALL You give me

## APPLICATION

**Hebrews 1:1-2** (NIV) In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

**1 Thessalonians 4:3-4** (NIV) **It is God's WILL that** you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; [4] that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable,

**1 Peter 2:15-16** (NIV) For **it is God's WILL that** by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. [16] Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.

### Respond to God's Revelation of Himself with...

- AWE and Wonder
- Make a MEMORIAL

## TAKE AWAY ??

### We can Respond to God by...

- Submitting to and Obeying God and ONLY God
- Making ANYWHERE we are a Place of WORSHIP
- Giving to GOD 10% of ALL He gives us

By Giving a TENTH of what we receive back to God as an act of WORSHIP we acknowledge that everything we have is a gift from God and belongs to Him. NLT Study Bible