

Psalm 27:1-2 (NLT)

[1] The LORD is my light and my salvation - so why should I be afraid? The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

[2] When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

Psalm 27:3-4 (NLT)

[3] Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident. [4] The one thing I ask of the LORD - the thing I seek most - is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD's perfections and meditating in his Temple.

FAITH – FEAR – FAITH ?

Genesis 31:1-55

Genesis 30:43 (NIV)

In this way the **man grew exceedingly prosperous** and came to own large flocks, and maidservants and menservants, and camels and donkeys.

Key **TIME** References

- Jacob **PAID** 14 yrs. for his wives
- Jacob **STAYED** 6 more yrs.
- Jacob **WORKED** for Laban 20 yrs.

Genesis 28:15 (NIV)

I am with you and will watch
over you wherever you go, and
I WILL BRING you BACK
to this **LAND.**

Instead of facing Laban honestly and **trusting** the **Lord** to **keep His promises** and work things out, Jacob **FLED** with his family like a criminal escaping justice.

**This was an act of FEAR and UNBELIEF,
NOT an act of FAITH...**

Terms of the Treaty...

- Jacob **VOWS** to treat Laban's daughters **WELL**
- Both Promise **NOT** to cross the border to **HARM** the other

Time To GO HOME...

- **CIRCUMSTANCES** had Changed
- God **CONFIRMS** the **TIME** is Right
- Rachel and Leah **AGREE** they should
leave

Psalm 56:1-3 (NIV)

Be **MERCIFUL** to me, **O God**, for **men hotly pursue me**; all day long they press their attack. [2]
My slanderers pursue me all day long; many are attacking me in their pride.

**[3] When I am AFRAID,
I will TRUST in you.**

[4] In God, whose **WORD** I praise,
in God I TRUST; I will NOT be AFRAID.

What can mortal man do to me?

FIRM Commitment

- When I am **AFRAID** - I **will TRUST** God
- I will **NOT** be Afraid - **MERE** men cannot harm me

Psalm 27:1-3 (NLT)

The **LORD** is my **LIGHT** and my **SALVATION** so **WHY** should I be afraid? The **LORD** is my **FORTRESS**, protecting me from danger, so **WHY** should I tremble? [2] When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. [3] Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will **NOT be afraid**. Even if I am attacked, **I will remain CONFIDENT**.

Psalm 27:4 (NLT)

The **one thing I ask of the LORD** - the thing I seek most - is **to live in the house of the LORD** all the days of my life, **DELIGHTING** in the LORD's perfections and **MEDITATING** in his Temple.

Isaiah 43:1-2 (NIV)

But now, this is what the LORD says - he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: **FEAR NOT**, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; **you are mine.** [2] **WHEN** you pass through the waters, **I will be WITH you;** and **WHEN** you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. **WHEN** you walk through the **fire**, you will not be burned; the **flames** will not set you ablaze.

WHEN - NOT - **IF**

Isaiah 43:2-3 (NIV)

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the fire, you will not be burned; the flames
will not set you ablaze. [3] **For I am the**
LORD, YOUR God, the Holy One of
Israel, YOUR Savior...