



Jacob:

Promises Promises

Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob is not a great bloke! He is a cheater and deceiver. He has cheated his brother out of his inheritance and his father's blessing. He has disrespected his family to the point his brother wants him dead! His life is a mess. His father sends him away from home to live 900kms away to the north where his mother's family live, in order to find a wife! Perhaps he will find refuge there! He has nothing with him. He is all alone and totally unprepared for the journey. He feels isolated and alone. We too can find ourselves in a mess and feel abandoned or cast out by friends. Don't panic, God has a plan!

Jacob's Dream at Bethel

Genesis 28:10-22

Use a highlighter to highlight God's promises to Jacob

Use a different one to Highlight Jacob's promise to God

10 Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. 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. 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. 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."

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."

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 household, 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."

1. Compare the promises. Whose promises are greater?
2. Who has put conditions on their promises?

BIBLE TEXT	WHAT IS GOD PROMISING
Exodus 14:14	
Deuteronomy 31:8	
Psalm 32:8	
Isaiah 41:10	
Isaiah 54:10	
Matthew 11:28-29	
John 3:16	
2 Corinthians 12:9-10	
1 John 1:9	

What should our response be to all the things God has promised?



TRUST
IN THE LORD

WITH ALL YOUR

HEART

AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR
OWN UNDERSTANDING,

IN ALL YOUR WAYS
SUBMIT
TO HIM

AND HE WILL
MAKE YOUR

PATHS
STRAIGHT

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NIV)

