



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of July 10, 2022

Jacob's Dream

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Genesis 28:1-5, 10-22](#)

¹ Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him, "You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women. ² Arise, go to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel your mother's father, and take as your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. ³ God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. ⁴ May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!" ⁵ Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother....

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

- When are you **prone to forget** that you belong to your Heavenly Father? What has the Holy Spirit used recently to **remind you that you are the LORD's**?
- Isaac blessed Jacob and sent him to find a wife in Paddan-aram (1-5). **What happens on his very first night** away from home? Given Jacob's dying father, conflict with his brother, and recent deceptions, **what might he be thinking and feeling as he journeys** toward Haran and sleeps with a rock for a pillow? (10-12)
- **Jacob had a dream** that night. **What did he see?** (12)
- How did **the LORD identify Himself** in this dream, and why is that significant? What did **the LORD promise** in this dream? (13-15)
- How are we (and Jacob) reminded of **the purpose of the LORD's blessing** in verse 14?
- How does **Jacob interpret the dream**? **How does he feel** about it? (16-17)
- **What might this dream mean for Jacob**, in light of the situation from which he has just come?
- Like his grandfather Abraham, **Jacob worships right where he meets the LORD**. **What does he do?** (18-19)
- Compare the LORD's unconditional promise with Jacob's response in verse 20. **Is this faith?**
- God's grace is woven throughout this story. The first audience hearing this story was **the Israelites** in their own wilderness journey. **Why might they be encouraged as they hear it?**
- In [John 1:43-51](#), Jesus refers to Jacob's dream. **How does Jesus interpret this Old Testament vision?**
- Jacob was the first in Bible history to hear the assurance "*I am with you*" (15). **How do you need to know that the LORD is with you these days?**
- **Repent and pray together** in light of this week's passage.

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