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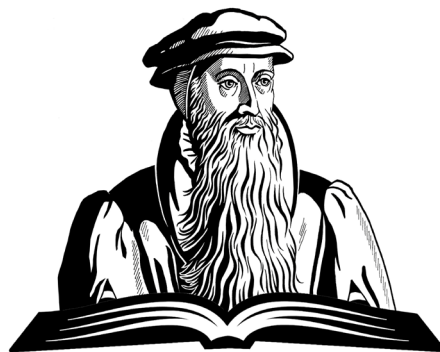
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Lesson 22

Jacob Returns to Beth-el

Genesis chapters 34 thru 36

Memory Verse

“Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.”

Genesis 35:2–3

A Need to Be Reminded

When Jacob fled from his brother Esau, the Lord had come to him, saying, “I am with thee” (Genesis 28:15). Upon hearing these words, Jacob made a vow. He said, “If God will be with me...then shall the LORD be my God” (Genesis 28:20–21). In all that time, God had been faithful. God had returned Jacob to the land of his fathers. Sadly, Jacob forgot his vow. In the opening verses of chapter 35, it is God who reminds Jacob of his care. It is God who calls Jacob up to fulfill his vow and to “put away the strange gods that are among” them (Genesis 35:2). What do we learn here? God ever has an eye upon them that love him, and when they are forgetful or depart, he draws them back again: “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!” (Romans 11:33).

Beth-el: God’s Care is Evident

Over twenty years earlier, Jacob met the Lord in a dream at Beth-el (then called Luz). (Genesis 28:13). In that dream, the Lord had revealed to Jacob that he would richly bless him. Jacob had a precious promise twenty years ago, but at that moment, possessed nothing. From a human perspective, he was alone and isolated. Now he returns to that very place, but not alone. He is accompanied by his entire household. Truly, what God promises will come to pass.

What did Jacob have over twenty years before? Then he had no possessions, but he had the Word of a faithful God. What does the Christian have? He has the Word of God, who is faithful to his promises: “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Review Questions

1. _____ was the son of Hamor, the Hivite, who loved Dinah, the daughter of Jacob.

- a. Reuel
- b. Samson
- c. Shechem
- d. Eliphaz

2. What agreement, or covenant, did the sons of Jacob make with Hamor so that Hamor's son could marry their sister Dinah?

3. Circle the names of the two sons of Jacob which took up the sword and slew all the males of the Hivites that were in the city, thus breaking the covenant that they had made.

Joseph	Judah	Benjamin	Levi	Reuben	Simeon
Asher	Naphtali	Issachar	Zebulon	Gad	Dan

4. As Jacob was going up once again to Beth-el, what did he command the people of his household to put away? What did they give to Jacob?

5. Where did Rachel die? _____

6. Isaac was _____ years old when he died.

- a. Fifty
- b. Seventy-six
- c. One Hundred and four
- d. One hundred eighty

Discussion Questions

1. Considering the events told in Genesis 34, were the sons of Jacob mentioned in verse 25 right in what they did? Explain.

2. In the opening verses of Genesis 35, God comes to Jacob and tells him to go to Beth-el. Explain from the text how it is clear that God's continued faithfulness to Jacob is not because of Jacob's righteousness.

3. When the Lord, in Genesis 35, tells Jacob to go to Beth-el and make an altar, he also tells Jacob to "put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments" (Genesis 35:2). Also, in Genesis 35:4, we read not only that those that traveled with Jacob gave up their strange gods, but also their earrings. Why did command the following?

Putting away the strange gods: _____

Changing of their garments: _____

What instruction is there for us in giving up their earrings? _____
