

Psalm 37:7&9

Psa. 37:7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Psa. 37:9 For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Psalm 46:10-11

Psa. 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Psa. 46:11 The LORD of hosts is with us; **the God of Jacob is our fortress.** Selah

Jacob: Heel grasper, one who grabs the heel.

- Son of Isaac & Rebekah
- Reached and gapped Esau's heel when he was born
- The younger twin brother of Esau
- He tricked Esau into selling him his birthright (Gen 25:29)
- He deceived his father Isaac to get Esau's birthright blessing (Gen 27:1)
- He fled for his life from the anger and wrath of Esau
- He was deceived by his uncle / father-in-law into marrying Leah
- **Just because you are seeking a good and right goal, does NOT mean you are seeking it in a good and right way!**
- **The End does NOT always justify the means!**
- **From the very beginning God intended to give Jacob the first born blessing and make him the rightful heir of all the blessings promised to Abraham and Isaac... But he was always striving, deceiving and working in his own strength to take by force what God had already intended to freely give him.**

Genesis 28:10-17

Gen. 28:10 Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.

Gen. 28:11 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.

- **Exhausted from stress, fear, worry and running for his life, Jacob finally gets still long enough for God to reveal his purposes and promise to him.**

Gen. 28:12 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!

Gen. 28:13 And behold, the LORD stood above it* and said, u"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.

Gen. 28:14 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.

Gen. 28:15 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.”

- **The very thing that Jacob had been lying, cheating and striving to reach out and grasp, God wanted to freely give Him.**
- **God was with him the whole time and he didn't even know it, because he had been so busy trying to take the blessing with his own strength and clever ideas, he wasn't aware of the presence of God.**
- **He needed to quiet his soul (mind, thoughts & emotions) long enough to absorb the fact that the gate of Heaven, the very presence of God was with him.**
- **Are we so busy making things happen in our own strength that we cant see presence, gifts and blessings of God in our life?**

Gen. 28:16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is bin this place, and I did not know it.”

Gen. 28:17 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.”

- **Gen 32:24–32**

- **Jacob learns to stop striving with men and circumstances for what only God can give him!**

“Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.” (**Isaiah 30:18**)

- **Often we feel like we are the one waiting and working to receive God's full blessing, when it is actually God who is waiting for us to slow down long enough to discern that He is already with us and already blessing us!**
- **We need to recognize His presence it and receive the promise by faith!**