

Prayer

Part 5

¹⁰ *Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran.* 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."* (Genesis 28:10-15)

Our prayer life is our communication to God and it can represent in certain occasions our commitment to Him and our respond to His goodness for all the good things that we had received from Him.

In the above chosen passage, Jacob was in trouble, his brother Esau was after him to revenge because Jacob had deceived him twice. Then Jacob as he was escaping for his life the Lord appeared to him in a dream and confirmed to him His great promises. The Lord promised and assured Jacob with his good word, and the same word of God is for you:

1- ***"I will give you"***: What God meant to say to Jacob and to you is this: You cannot get anything without Him. No need for you to grab something and run away, I will be the one to give you. Therefore let us fix our eyes on God. ***"Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame."*** (Psalm 34:5)

2- ***"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go"***: God is saying to you that He will watch and care for you in whatever place, town or circumstances. If you are wrong He will correct you and if you are right He will encourage you and support you, first morally then He will supply all your needs.

3- ***"I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you"***: God is assuring you that He will not leave you at all until He will achieve what He had planned for you. So be cooperative with Him. God will neither leave you nor forsake you. But please don't abuse the grace of God, and don't take advantage. Let your heart be responsive to His love, care, rebuke or correction. Don't be unaware, God is with you even in time you think that you are alone; be sure that this is the time that God really beside you. Soon you will realize that, and believe it as you are going to see it as a reality in your life.

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."* (Genesis 28:16-17) Jacob was amazed about all what God had declared to him in that dream. But it was not a dream

but that a reality; not only a reality to Jacob, but a reality to you as well. God is serious with all the above promises; they are meant for you to bless you and prosper you. Therefore have faith in God and believe in all His promises. Even in whatever place that you are now and as you read His word then believe that God is here with you, and the place is awesome because God is right there in the same place that you are. Wherever God had placed you, the place is awesome because God will make your life beautiful and will make that particular place in your sight beautiful.

Therefore 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."* (Genesis 28:18-19) God is everywhere as He was with Jacob and Jacob was unaware of Him He is also beside you and accompanying you in your journey even you are not aware of Him.

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 house, 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."* (Genesis 28:20-22) As the Lord showed His promises and good plan for Jacob, he committed himself to the Lord. The same for you now as God revealed His good promises to you then you need to commit yourself to God as Jacob commit himself to God in the following aspect:

- 1- ***The Lordship of God over your life, "The LORD will be my God"***: God should be the Lord over your life. He should be the one to lead you and lead your life in the way that you need to move and go. You should not be the Lord over your life but the Lord should be the one on the throne of your life. You cannot do what you like and decide what you wish. The Lord should be the one to decide for you and lead you in the way of righteousness.
- 2- ***Your commitment to be part of God's church, "And this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house"***: The church is the family of God and the members are God's household. When God gives us birth through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord He place us in His house and with His household, the church. Therefore as we commit ourselves to God we need to commit ourselves to God's church, to serve God with the rest of His family and to do our duties and responsibilities to the church that God had placed us in.
- 3- ***Tithing your income, "and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth"***: All the good things that you are receiving are from God and you are called by God to give Him the tenth of all what you earn or receive. This is your financial commitment so that God's work will continue and His blessing will continue to come into your life.

My Dear and Beloved: To be sure that what God had promised you in His word to come true, you need to commit your life to God as you read the above and as you agree to do and pray. ***My Prayer:*** *Father God thank you for your clear message to me; Lord be the Lord and the God over my life. I commit myself to serve you and do my best to contribute to your church, will serve you and your people faithfully and to give you the tenth of all what I receive. Lord gives me the endurance and the perseverance to do that. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*