

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ**

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*...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

**18:10:15**

**Theme: RESPONSE TO DIVINE REVELATION**

**Memory Verse:** *Genesis 28:16-17 “And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, how dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”*

**Texts: Judges 13:1-13; Revelation 1:9-18**

The response of Jacob to the unexpected revelation of God was characterized by some spontaneous but significant actions. First, he was filled with reverential fear. He exclaimed that the place was awe-inspiring and dreadful. Our relationship with God must not be characterized by carelessness or over-familiarity, which some ignorantly mistake for freedom in worship. God is to be feared and revered above all gods. We should never forget the disciples prayer begins with “Our father who at in heaven, hallowed be thy name”

Secondly, Jacob worshipped God. He took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it for a pillar and poured oil upon the top of it. This act of worship must not be mistaken for the idolatrous practice of worshipping stone gods. It was Jacob’s way of raising a memorial to signify his submission to God. Thirdly, Jacob changed the name of the place from Luz to Bethel. This was to conform to the fact of God’s revelation at the place. The name Bethel means “house of God”.

Fourthly, Jacob prayed to God and sought His favour and help. Lastly, Jacob was subdued and began to come out of his independent life. He finally realized that he have to depend on God foe success and safety. Jacob made a vow, asking God to lead, protect and provide for him, and promised to make the LORD his God, set up Bethel the house of God and give God the tenth of all that He (God) would give him. Jacob had come a long way and finally confessed that it is the LORD that gives possessions. He, it is, that protects and guides. The divine purpose for the dream was accomplished.