

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

13:09:15

Theme: JACOB, S DREAM AT BETHEL

Memory Verse: *Genesis 28:12 “And dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.”*

Texts: Genesis 28:1-22

Our last study of Jacob’s life revealed him as a deceiver who obtained his father’s blessing cunning. In this study, we encounter him as a dreamer whom God reached out to, in grace. Here, Jacob was to learn that blessings are not to be obtained by tricks. Rather men are blessed by entering into personal relationship with God. If the past life of Jacob was any thing to go by, he was not worthy of the deep prophetic revelation of God, which he received in Bethel.

Nevertheless, God revealed Himself to Jacob in order to demonstrate His grace upon undeserving sinners. Of a truth, “the way of nature is not necessarily the way of grace.” Sequel to Jacob’s craftiness in receiving his father’s blessing, Esau felt cheated and plotted to kill him in revenge. But Rebecca got to know of the plot and planned the escape of her beloved son.

Rebecca used the ungodly marriage of Esau as an excuse to convinced and prevailed on Isaac to send Jacob away to Padan-aram, ostensibly to prevent Jacob from making a similar mistake in marriage. Jacob’s dream and encounter with God made him to the mistake of life. Besides Jacob, Naomi’s family also left Bethlehem without God’s in it (Ruth 1:1-6). Jonah runs to Tashesh instead of Nineveh (Jonah 1:1-6). The prodigal son also decided to go where his father had not sent him. (Luke 15:11-13). Anything one does or decide without God can end up with sufferings.