

Theme: JACOB’S DOUBLE PRAYER

Memory Verse: *Genesis 32:9 “And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee”*

Texts: Genesis 32:9-12

From the report that Esau was coming with 400 men, Jacob knew there was great trouble ahead of him. In all of his years, Jacob was not praying often. While Abraham and Isaac often raised altars to the Lord, it was not so commonly reported concerning Jacob. However, on this occasion, Jacob prayed twice in one day. Like Jacob, many people only pray when trouble is at the door.

They see God as the Helper of last resort. It should not be so. We should pray always and without ceasing and with all prayers and supplications in the Spirit, Jacob’s two prayers reveal a lot of things about him and provide valuable lessons for believers today. Consider his first prayer

And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee... Deliver mc, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him... (Genesis 32:9-12). The essential constituents of Jacob’s first prayer were (1) praises to the name of the Lord (2) presentation of his own unworthiness (3) petition for deliverance (4) pleading the unfailing promises of God, Here Jacob prayed regular, normal prayer. Contrast this with his second prayer.

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	Proverbs 2	Proverbs 3
MONDAY	Proverbs 4	Proverbs 5
TUESDAY	Proverbs 6	Proverbs 7
WEDNESDAY	Proverbs 8	Proverbs 9
THURSDAY	Proverbs 10	Proverbs 11
FRIDAY	Proverbs 12	Proverbs 13
SATURDAY	Proverbs 14	Proverbs 15