

Theme: JACOB’S DECISIVE PRAYER

Memory Verse: *Genesis 32:24 “And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day”.*

Texts: **Genesis 32:24-32; Hosea 12:3:5**

It was clear that Jacob himself was not satisfied with his first prayer. He decided to pray again. This time, it was not going to be gentle, cool and dignified praying as before. It was a matter of life and death. This was time to wrestle. And Jacob wrestled and won. Jacob, in this prayer, was earnest, determined, honest, and self-expressive. He was without pretensions.

Successive generations of Christians have celebrated this account of Jacob’s prayer. He had prayed before but now he would wrestle in prayer. He had asked in prayer before but now he would agonise in prayer. The problem of Christianity today is that routine, weak and ineffective prayers are the order of the day. His prayer encounter at Ford Jabbok was at once both purifying and enriching. He came to know himself. In response to the angel’s enquiry after his name, he spoke the truth. Just before he left Canaan twenty years back, he was asked the same question and he answered, I am Esau.

Real prayer strips a man of hypocrisy and guile, as he stands naked before the throne of mercy. He also came to know God – His pardon, power, and patience. Thenceforth he was to exercise power over men, not with the wisdom and craftiness of men, but the spiritual power that made all men, whether Esau or Pharaoh, to do His bidding. This is what believers need today. This mighty power still works for those who would believe and receive, by an irresistible faith and importunate prayer, the promises of the Lord.

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	Proverbs 16	Proverbs 17
MONDAY	Proverbs 18	Proverbs 19
TUESDAY	Proverbs 20	Proverbs 21
WEDNESDAY	Proverbs 22	Proverbs 23
THURSDAY	Proverbs 24	Proverbs 25
FRIDAY	Proverbs 26	Proverbs 27
SATURDAY	Proverbs 28	Proverbs 29