

Theme: THE BLESSING OF OBEDIENCE

Memory Verse: *Genesis 35:9 “And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him”.*

Texts: Genesis 35:11; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Titus 2:11-14

The result of genuine revival is always a blessing to the individual and the Church as a whole. Jacob and his household who had been afraid of the Canaanites in the last part of the previous chapter (Genesis 34:30) became a terror to the enemies (Genesis 35:5). Sin in the life and family of Jacob had brought fear upon him, but after they have been restored and revived, fear shifted its residence to the camp of the enemy. The terror of God was upon the cities, they did not pursue after the Sons of Jacob. The way of divine obligation is the way of divine protection. How insightful is this to Christians as to where the solution to their oppression and problems lies: in returning and revival (Isaiah 30:15). Holiness is a strong defense in spiritual warfare.

At Bethel God renewed and ratified the new name of Jacob – Israel. God equally re-emphasized the covenant unto him and blessed him. First, God promised to make him the father of a mighty nation — earthly Israel and the father of mighty nations and kings — the spiritual Israel (Genesis 35:11; 1 Pet 2:9,10; Titus2:11-14). Second, God promised to make him the possessor of a great landed property and great material fortune (Genesis 35:12).

These two promises also symbolize the gift of Christ to the believer, and the anticipated inheritance of the heavenly abode. Certain parts of these promises have been fulfilled and definitely others would come to pass. All the promises of God are yea and amen (2 Corinthians 1:20). The survival of the individual, Christendom, and the entire world, depends on an urgent attendance to the need for revival (Revelation 2:5). This day is the best time to seek the Lord, there may never be any other auspicious time. God is ready, Jesus beseeches, the Spirit invites, and the soul groans! Many good purposes have been destroyed by procrastination. Now is the time to return to Bethel.

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	Zechariah 11	Zechariah 12
MONDAY	Zechariah 13	Zechariah 14
TUESDAY	Malachi 1	Malachi 2
WEDNESDAY	Malachi 3	Malachi 4
THURSDAY	Matthew 1	Matthew 2
FRIDAY	Matthew 3	Matthew 4
SATURDAY	Matthew 5	Matthew 6