

**Theme: JACOB RAISE AN ALTAR UNTO GOD**

**Memory Verse:** *Genesis 33:20* “And he erected there an altar, and called it *El-elohe-Israel.*”

**Texts:** Genesis 33:17-20; 35:7

Since Jacob fled from home over twenty years ago, for the first time, he could be said to have peace. Having fully reconciled with Esau, Jacob wisely realized the need to build an altar for the daily worship of God who has graciously preserved his life all these years. After God has shown us His mercy, believers are supposed to build an altar unto the Lord. Today many Christian do not know how to build an altar. “And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother” (Genesis 35:7).

Before now, Jacob has prayed but he had never worshipped God. He prayed for protection, provision and deliverance. This is about the first time he would raise an altar unto God for the purpose of worship. We learn from the example set forth by Jacob not to forget to offer sacrifices of praise and worship unto God, after we have experienced the sure mercies of God. Like Jacob, we must learn to raise an offering of praise unto God for the manifold blessings He has bestowed on us. It must be a continual worship. Where our family altar has fallen into a sorrowful state of disrepair, we must repair it and get it ready again for continual offering of praise, thanksgiving and worship unto God.

Like his grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac, Jacob also knew the secret of building an altar and giving of sacrifice unto the Lord after he has received favour from him. There are so many areas believers can build an altar and show appreciation to the Lord. In time of testimony, child dedication, wedding ceremony, birthday celebration, healing etc. There should be also family altar where sacrificial prayers can be offered at all times.

	<b>DAILY BIBLE READING</b>	
	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
SUNDAY	Isaiah 48	Isaiah 49
MONDAY	Isaiah 50	Isaiah 51
TUESDAY	Isaiah 52	Isaiah 53
WEDNESDAY	Isaiah 54	Isaiah 55
THURSDAY	Isaiah 56	Isaiah 57
FRIDAY	Isaiah 58	Isaiah 59
SATURDAY	Isaiah 60	Isaiah 61