

Jacob & the Gospel # 5

Genesis 27⁴¹ – 28²²

Jacob meets his Maker

Lord's day morning: 22 July 2007

Preacher: Geoff Findlay

Children's talk: Jelly Babies & the beach

Introduction

Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive

1. On the run! (27⁴¹ – 28¹¹)

Look where a grudge takes you

Look where deceit takes you

Look where God's blessing takes you

2. In your dreams! (28¹²⁻¹⁵)

The original Stairway to Heaven

The ultimate Stairway to Heaven

The voice from the top:

I am ...

I will give you ...

I am with you ...

3. On his knees! (28¹⁶⁻²²)

Aware of the Awesome

A house almost in heaven

A go-getter becomes a go-giver

Conclusion

Where are we?



Questions answered



Where was a grudge taking Esau?
What does nursing a grudge do to our own soul & strength?



Where was the price of deceit for Rebekah & Jacob?



Jacob got the blessing, but what good was it doing him?



Where did Jacob's dream come from?
How does this demonstrate the grace of God?



What was the stairway meant to symbolise to Jacob?



What is the ultimate Stairway to Heaven?
What is the significance of the angels on the stairway?



Up to this time, Jacob knew much about God, but what did he lack?



Through whom will the peoples of the earth be blessed?
What implications does this have for us today?
How can this be, since we are such sinners?



What promise is given to us when we gather in the name of Christ?
What should be our response?



In what sense is the house of God the gate of heaven?



What evidence of transformation is beginning to take place in Jacob?
Is this transformation complete?



Things to pray about



How gracious God is in dealing with us and our besetting sins.



How awesome is it to be able to meet with God to worship Him!



How close we are to heaven already!



Search the Scriptures



Look up the later references to Bethel. What happened to it?
How is this a warning to us to seek to ensure that we retain the awareness that Jacob had here at Bethel?