

Jacob: God's Blessing and Covenant

Genesis 28

Read Genesis 28:1-9.

Isaac and Rebekah blessed Jacob and his journey to find a wife.

- What command did Isaac give to Jacob?
- What truths about God would you encourage someone like Esau to act on?

Principle: God graciously provides for His people.

Read Genesis 28:10-15.

Jacob stopped for the night, and God appeared to him in a dream.

- What is God's promise to Jacob regarding land, descendants, blessing and God's presence remaining with him?
- When has obedience to God's Word comforted or challenged you during a lonely time?

Principle: God graciously forgives and blesses His people.

Read Genesis 28:16-22.

Jacob worshipped God with a vow at Bethel.

- In what ways did Jacob respond to God's presence?
- What would it look like for you to respond to "the God of Bethel" this week?

Principle: God provides the way to know, love, trust and obey Him.

Review Genesis 28.

- How does this chapter challenge you to spend time with God in His Word?

Main truth: God provides the way to know, love, trust and obey Him.

Scripture Memory Verse

"Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring." – Genesis 28:14

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Exploring the Christian Faith

An Attribute of God

from this week's passage

Provider

God provides for every creature He has made. He feeds the birds and gives us our daily bread. We do not have strength or goodness of our own but God gives it to us generously. He provides a way out of temptation and protects us from evil. God's greatest gift is His Son. Because He gave us His Son, we can trust Him to give us everything else we need.

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A Basic Truth of the Christian Faith

What is grace?

Grace is God's powerful kindness poured out on the undeserving.¹ God is especially kind to His children, whom He forgives, justifies and adopts forever into His family.² God's grace is poured on His children as He gives them faith and transforms their lives.³

Psalm 145:8-9¹; Ephesians 2:8-9²; Romans 5:1-2³

Think About It

Can we do anything to deserve God's kindness?

No. We are so ruined by sin that we could never deserve God's kindness on our own merit. Nothing we do on our own is good. Even though God loves everyone, no one can love God unless God turns their hearts in saving faith toward Him. All people need God's grace all the time.

God created everyone. Are all people His children?

No. As descendants of Adam, we are separated from God by our sin. Only those who trust Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin are God's children (1 Corinthians 15:22). God graciously adopts everyone who confesses Christ and repents of sin into His family. God gives His Spirit to His children. God's Spirit testifies to His children that they belong to Him (Romans 8:16).

How can we say God is gracious if He does not save all people?

God is gracious in everything He does. God does not owe anyone anything. He gives life, breath, food and everyday pleasures to all He has created. Every good thing in the world is because of God's grace (Acts 14:17). He orders people's lives to give opportunities to seek Him (Acts 17:24-27). God keeps individuals from even worse sin and more severe punishment. He keeps societies from being as bad as they could be (2 Thessalonians 2:7). God establishes governments to exercise authority and prevent anarchy (Romans 13:1). The whole world is full of God's grace.

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