



THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Genesis 28-50, Message 46

Last week we began a thought provoking study from the life of Jacob. The chapters within Genesis revealed an interesting overview of his life:

- A historical highlight – His life is full of contrasts between victories and defeats
- A doctrinal distinction – He is a striking type of the Jew
- A devotional depiction – He is a picture of the believer's _____

We learned that although he was a scheming opportunist, he received the _____ and favor of God. An important question arose: Why would God give goodness and mercy to a man like Jacob? The only answer to this can be found in God's righteous character and perfect _____. We were left to consider that our life, though imperfect and full of regret, can also be a testimony of God's grace and _____. This morning we will continue our study of this man and will once again be reminded that in...

JACOB'S LIFE – THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR – PART TWO

1. A puzzling passage

- Romans 9:13 - *As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.*
 - The context of the verse – Romans 9

Israel (Jacob) was chosen in the past by God to receive the promises and the coming Messiah

- This issue has always concerned " _____ " – Genesis 25:23
Jacob = Israel – Genesis 32:28; 35:10
Esau = Edom – Genesis 36:8
 - God's chosen people are the _____/The Nation of Israel – Deut. 32:9-10; Zech. 2:8
 - Gentiles are considered to be _____ – Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30
 - God is _____ to his enemies – Isaiah 11:10; 42:6; 49:6; 60:3; Mt. 12:21; Lu. 2:32; Acts 11:1, 18
- Things are _____ always as they appear

2. Jacob's likeness – A devotional depiction

- He is a picture of the believer's _____
 - When he desires all that the _____ has to offer, he is troubled and defeated – Gen. 25-31; 1 John 2:15-17
 - Throughout life's troubles God's _____ surrounds him – Genesis 28:12; 32:1-2; Ps. 23:4; Heb. 13:5
 - He _____ with God – Genesis 32:24-32; 2 Co. 12:7-11

The flesh gets a hold of us until we come to the end of ourselves...

It is never dealt with until we are _____ before God...

We are afflicted by the "old man" throughout our entire life...

As Christians we often need to be broken, helpless, and clinging _____ blessings come...

Jacob's _____ was never the same; he limped through his whole life...so should we after an encounter with God!

- Things are _____ always as they appear