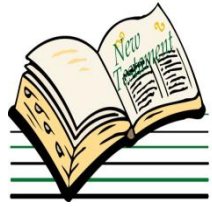


Sermon Notes



Title: "God Reaffirms Jacob in the Covenant"

Text: Genesis 35:1-15

Theme: The LORD God reaffirmed His covenant promises to Jacob after a terribly scandalous and trying time in his life and the life of his family. Jacob took strong spiritual leadership of his family, got rid of the idols in his household, and led them to worship the Lord as God directed. Covenant life became stronger, and God's plan of redemption stayed perfectly on course.

I. Jacob Returns and Fulfills His _____ at Bethel (1-8)

II. God Confirms Jacob as _____ of the
_____ Given to Abraham and Isaac (9-15)

III. Applications

A. We must always be on guard against _____ finding their way into our life and _____ the _____ of God.

B. God _____ His covenant to us on a _____ basis.

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. Why did Jacob leave the place where he was living (v. 1a)?
2. Where was Jacob to go (1b,c)?
3. What was Jacob to do when he arrived there (v. 1b)?
4. In preparing to leave what did Jacob require from his family (v. 2)?
5. What did Jacob do with these items (v. 4b)?
6. Why did the surrounding cities not attack Jacob (v. 5)? (Also, remember that Jacob feared the retaliation of the Canaanites after his sons destroyed and plundered the city of Shechem)?
7. Jacob gave a second name to the place where he went. What was this name (v. 7)?
8. What sad occurrence took place while Jacob was at Bethel (v. 8)?
9. What special thing happened to Jacob here (v. 9)?
10. Name the blessings God bestowed upon Jacob at this time (vv. 10-12).
11. How did Jacob respond to this special event (v.14)?
12. What name did Jacob give this place (v. 15)?

Questions to Discuss Based on the Text:

1. Why are idols sinful? (This may seem evident, but how would you explain this to a 6-year old?)
2. Are Christians immune to giving place to false gods in their lives?
3. How do idols creep into our lives?
4. How do we know if we love or serve something else more than the LORD Go5. How is worship often corrupted by idolatry today?
6. What was a drink offering? [See Exodus 29:40-41; Leviticus 23:13; Philippians 2:17; 2 Timothy 4:6]
7. What things in your life need constant reinforcement and affirming?
8. How does God reaffirm His covenant to you on a regular basis?
9. Does hearing the Word of God preached reaffirm God's presence to you? How?
10. How does participating in the Lord's Supper reaffirm God's presence to you?
11. Why is the Word of God indispensable every time Christians gather for worship? [see <http://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/the-focus-of-the-sacraments/>]
12. What is your view of observing the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day in corporate worship? What are arguments for weekly communion? What are arguments against weekly communion?