

Jacob and Esau Meet Again

Genesis 33:1-20

Main Point:

You are the Israel of God in Jesus Christ; therefore, learn from the example of Jacob so that you live accordingly.

1. As the Israel of God, you should confidently face your fears.
2. As the Israel of God, you should humbly repent of your sins.
3. As the Israel of God, you should cautiously separate from the wicked.
4. As the Israel of God, you should gratefully worship your Savior.

Cross-References and Quotations

Allen Ross “This one word would be sufficient to recall the earlier tensions over the blessing, and it would indicate to Esau that Jacob was trying to make restitution for his wrongs.”

Deuteronomy 7:1-4 ¹ "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you ... seven nations greater and mightier than you, ² "and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them *and* utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. ³ "Nor shall you make marriages with them ... ⁴ "For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods ... (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 ¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among *them*. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." ¹⁷ Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle “There is no telling the harm that is done by associating with godless companions and friends. The devil has few better helps in ruining a man’s soul.”

1 Kings 11:1-2, 4 ¹ But King Solomon loved many foreign women ... ² from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you ... ⁴ For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of his father David. (NKJV)

Matthew Henry “Professors of religion, in marrying both themselves and their children, should make conscience of keeping within the bounds of profession. [Because] The bad will sooner debauch the good than the good reform the bad.”

Genesis 12:5-7 ⁵ Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites *were* then in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. (NKJV)