

C. Our Proper Response is Worship

All I Have Is Christ

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I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

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I. Introduction

- A. God's Promise Jacob's *Stairway* (ascending structure)
 - 1. The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:4)
 - 2. What this dream would have meant to Jacob/Israel
- B. Jacob's Stubborn Self-Trust

Key Idea

The LORD is faithful to his promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God overcomes the schemes of Laban, the sinful rivalry in Jacob's household and the bitterness of Esau. Toughest of all, the LORD overcomes the stubborn self-reliance of Jacob.

II. God Provides the Way to Heaven, Not Jacob

- A. Laban's Scheming
 - 1. Leah & Rachael

Genesis 29:13-14, 20, 26

¹³ As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, *he ran* to meet him and *embraced him* and kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, ¹⁴ and Laban said to him, "Surely you are *my bone and my flesh!*" ...

²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they *seemed to him but a few days* because of the love he had for her. ...

²⁶ Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

2. Jacob's Wages

Genesis 31:9-13

⁶ You know that I have served your father with all my strength, ⁷ yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times. But God did not permit

him to harm me. ⁸ If he said, ‘The spotted shall be your wages,’ then all the flock bore spotted; and if he said, ‘The striped shall be your wages,’ then all the flock bore striped. ⁹ Thus God has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me. ¹⁰ In the breeding season of the flock I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream that the goats that mated with the flock were striped, spotted, and mottled. ¹¹ Then the angel of God said to me in the dream, ‘Jacob,’ and I said, ‘Here I am!’ ¹² And he said, ‘Lift up your eyes and see, all the goats that mate with the flock are striped, spotted, and mottled, for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. ¹³ I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and made a vow to me. Now arise, go out from this land and return to the land of your kindred.’”

3. Fleeing from Laban

B. Leah & Rachael’s Rivalry (Chart)

1. Contrast with Abraham’s Household
2. Foreshadows the wickedness seen in Jacob’s son’s
3. Why did God choose Jacob?

C. Esau’s Bitterness (Genesis 27:41)

1. Jacob divides his company
2. Esau has all he needs...

D. Jacob

Genesis 32:24-31

²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷ And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob,

but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” (*Israel means He strives with God*) ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” (*Peniel means the face of God*) ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

III. God Provides the Way to Heaven, Not Us

A. Jesus Applies Jacob’s Dream to Himself!

John 1:51

“Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see *heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending* on the *Son of Man*.”

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³ “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a *son of man*, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And **to him was given dominion** and **glory** and **a kingdom**, that *all peoples, nations, and languages* should serve him; his dominion is an *everlasting dominion*, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

B. It Does not Depend on Our Exertion

Romans 9:16

So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (v.2)

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.