

# Grace for the Broken

Genesis 28:10-22

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## Setting

**Genesis 28:10-12** | 10 Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. 12 And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

**BIG IDEA: God graciously restores the broken.**

### I. Rest in God's Promise (vv. 13-14)

*[Promise preserved from Abraham, 12:1-3; 15:17-20; Isaac, 26:2-4]*

**Revelation 5:9b** | You were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

**Matthew 24:35b** | [Jesus said] "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

## II. Remember God's Presence (v. 15)

**Exodus 3:11-12** | 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" 12 He said, "But I will be with you..."

**Isaiah 41:8-10** | 8 But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; 9 you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; 10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

**Matthew 28:19-20** | 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Acts 7:48** | "Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands,"

**1 Timothy 3:15** | If I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

**Revelation 21:3b** | He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

**Romans 8:38-39** | 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.*

–John Newton, 1779

### III. Receive God's Peace (vv. 16-22)

**Genesis 48:1-3** | 1 After this, Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. 2 And it was told to Jacob, "Your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. 3 And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me..."

"Geography and genealogy coalesce on a rock in a field. God will build *his* tower through a seed found in this land. Or, in the language of the text, the blessing (read *the* blessing) will come through Jacob and his seed."

- Stephen Dempster, *Dominion and Dynasty*

**John 1:43-51** | 43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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**John 14:6** | Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**Romans 5:1** | Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Benediction

**Isaiah 64:3-4** | 3 When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.