

Review:

We ended last week with Jacob and his family fleeing Shechem for something Levi and Simeon did.

God called Jacob to leave Leban's house.

Genesis 31:13 I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.' "

From the time Jacob was called to leave Leban's house until this point Jacob had been dragging his feet.

After the actions of his children, Jacob is now pushed to move forward.

Genesis 35:1-15 Then **God (Elohim)** said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to **God (El)**, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother."

(2) And Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments." (3) Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone." (4) So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hands, and the earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree which was by Shechem. (5) And they journeyed, and the terror of God was upon the cities that were all around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.



A) Put away your foreign gods, put on clean garments, purify yourselves.

James 4:4-8 (4) Adulterers and adulteresses!
Do you not know that friendship with the world
is enmity with God?

Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the
world makes himself an enemy of God.

(5) Or do you think that the Scripture says in
vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns
jealously"? (6) But He gives more grace.
Therefore He says: "GOD RESISTS THE
PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE
HUMBLE." (7) Therefore submit to God.
Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

(8) Draw near to God and He will draw near to
you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and
purify your hearts, you double-minded.

B) There has to be a day in which the things we
brought with us from the world are buried and
done away with. We have to stop looking like
the world and hanging on to things that are of
the world. They gave up all their ornaments and
clothing that was worldly and so should we.

Genesis 35:(6) So Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him. (7) And he built an altar there and called the place El Bethel, because there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother. (8) Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the terebinth tree. So the name of it was called Allon Bachuth. (9) Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him. (10) And God said to him, **"Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name."** So He called his name Israel.

A) God was reminding Jacob again of his name. Sometimes in our lives we need to be told the truth more than once and be reassured by God.

(11) Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. (12) The

land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land." (13) Then God went up from him in the place where He talked with him. (14) So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it. (15) And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

A) The doctrine of sanctification is a real teaching and understand. If the Holy Spirit truly abides in you there will be times of setting apart.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.