

# “God’s Covenant with a Con-Man”

From the Series,  
“Jacob 180”

Genesis 28:10-22  
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**TRANSFORMING TRUTH**

*Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.*

## 1. Jacob Was Troubled By His Flesh (10-11)

(Jacob had previously traded for the birthright and tricked for the blessing)

- a. Jacob was all alone (10) - “Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.”
- b. Jacob was in darkness (11a) - “...And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set...”
- c. Jacob was without comfort (11b) - “...taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head...”
- d. Jacob was weary (11c) - “...and lay down in that place to sleep.” Living on the run makes one weary & worn!

**A fitting description of life in the Flesh:  
ALONE, IN DARKNESS, COMFORTLESS, & WEARIED**

## 2. Jacob Was Treasured by the Father (12-15)

- a. A moment of grace (12a) - “And he dreamed, and behold...” God chose to speak to unworthy Jacob!
- b. A message of grace (12b-15)
  - i. Jacob, you have My pardon (12b) “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.” The ladder symbolized a connection between a heavenly God & an earthly man

- ii. Jacob, you have My promises (13a) - "I am the Lord God of Abraham, your father, and the God of Isaac..."
- iii. Jacob, you have My purpose (13b-14) - "The land on which you lie I will give to you and your offspring. Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed." God had plans to use Jacob to fulfill His purpose for mankind!
- iv. Jacob, you have My protection (15) - "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

### 3. Jacob Was Transformed Unto Faith (16-19)

- a. Jacob was awakened (16) - "Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."
- b. Jacob was humbled (17) - "And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."
- c. Jacob was changed (18-22)
  - i. A new priority (18a) - He rose early in the morning to memorialize his encounter with God!
  - ii. A new loyalty (18b) - He consecrated himself by pouring out oil upon the rock!
  - iii. A new outlook (19) - He went from Luz (separation) to Beth-el (the house of God)!
  - iv. A new commitment (20-22) - Jacob, in light of God's commitment, made some commitments of his own!

**Jacob had always been a Taker. He had clutched Esau's heel, schemed for Esau's birthright, and stolen Esau's blessing.**

**Now, after a personal encounter with God, Jacob becomes a giver for the first time!**