

Making Peace with God's Enemies ... As Much As It Is Possible

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Commands outside the church (Rom. 12:17–19)



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Genesis 32:20 sets the direction for Genesis 33

For he thought, “I may appease him [propitiate him] with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me.”



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Three Movements in Genesis 33

1. The Approach of Jacob to Esau (vv. 1–4)
2. The Acceptance of Jacob from Esau (vv. 5–11)
The Aggravation of Esau by Jacob (vv. 12–15)
3. The Separation of Jacob and Esau (vv. 16–20)



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