

**Living under an “Open Heaven”**  
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**New Song Community Church**  
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**A. Preparing for an Open Heaven**

1. Be faithful to the church gathering.
2. God cares about the places where people come to worship Him.

**Psalms 26:8 (NLT)**

3. Come ready to receive from God. (It makes a difference)

**B. Jacob was a deceiver living under a “Closed Heaven”**

1. The stolen inheritance and blessing.
2. Had to flee for his life.

**Text: Genesis 28:11-12 (NLT)**

3. The Lord speaks to him in a dream.

**Genesis 28:13-15 (NLT)**

4. God spoke life and legacy in the middle of his mess.
  - i. Numerous descendants.
  - ii. Land Owner.

**Genesis 28:16-22 (NLT)**

5. God chooses specific places for an “open heaven”

**C. What can happen in the place where the presence of God is.**

1. The power of God is released.
2. Angelic presence / activity.
  - i. Ask God to open our eyes to what is actually happening in the supernatural.

**Ephesians 3:10 (NLT)**

3. A taste of Heaven on earth.

**Hebrews 12:22-23 (NLT)**

**Psalms 103:20 (NLT)**

**Matthew 18:10 (NLT)**

4. Your living under the Blessing and Favor of God will affect those around you.

**Acts 27:23-24 (NLT)**

**Paul's influence:** Some things that God does for you will also bless those around you

5. Ask God to open your eyes to the supernatural.

**Hebrews 13:1-2 (NLT)**

**D. What happens when you fast and pray.**

1. We can experience an open heaven.

2. Prayers are not hindered by spiritual warfare in the heavenly realms.

### **Spiritual warfare: Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)**

3. The enemy can: (Daniel 10:12-13)
  - i. Hinder or delay our prayers.
  - ii. Discourage us with delayed prayers.
4. We fight with persevering prayer and fasting that extends beyond the church walls.

**Conclusions:** Jacob spent the first 77 years of his life living under a closed heaven, but he lives the last half of his life under an Open Heaven.

### **Next Steps: Today I am:**

1. Committing my life to Jesus
2. Committing to be a part of the Daniel fast
3. Praying for an open heaven over my life