

Part Two: “Bethel the Place of God’s Presence”

Genesis 35:1-15

REVIEW

God said to Jacob, “Go up to Bethel!”

- Bethel = “house of God”
- Jacob had been here twice before
 - God never gives up on us

Psalms 139:7-12

If we are going to go back to Bethel we must:

1. Build an “altar”.
2. Get rid of pagan idols in our life.
3. Get back to the place of prayer.
4. Wholly identify ourselves with God.

1. Bethel is the place where we _____ God.

Genesis 35:7

Revealed = (Hebrew) galah, gaw-law'... to reveal:-- advertise, appear, , disclose, discover, open, plainly, publish, remove, reveal, shamelessly, shew, surely tell, uncover

Exodus 33:12-14

We don't see God because we have our eyes on:

- Other people
- Other things

Bethel is the place:

- Of intimacy... and from intimacy comes deeper knowledge

Psalms 17:14-15

- Where God reveals His plan for you

Acts 9:15

Acts 26:19

2. Bethel is the place of _____.

Genesis 35:8

Allon Bacuth = “the oak / place of weeping”

- Rebekah's nurse Deborah died and was buried there

There are some things that cannot go up to Bethel with us:

- Certain relationships
- Your job
- Your ministry/title/position

God wants us to find our identity not in what we do, but in who we are in Him!

Psalm 51:15-17

Psalm 30:4-5

We were reminded last time that God is JEALOUS for us

Exodus 34:14

Wrap-Up:

Let's go back to Bethel!

1. Let's build an "altar" in our hearts to God.
2. Let's sanctify ourselves and get rid of pagan idols in our life.
3. Let's get back to the place of prayer.
4. Let's wholly identify ourselves with God.
5. Let's get to the place where we see God.