

GENESIS: Where Grace Begins Jacob Fears Esau – Genesis 32:1-21

Section I: A Vision and a Naming (vv. 1-2)

Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. ²And when Jacob saw them he said, "This is God's camp!" So he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

- Gen. 32:1-2

Application: Believers can take comfort from the revelation that _____
_____ are present.

"Angels are the ministers and dispensers of the divine bounty towards us. Accordingly, we are told how they watch for our safety, how they undertake our defense, direct our path, and take heed that no evil befall us." – John Calvin

Angels:

- worship and obey God and serve us on God's behalf. (Psalm 10:19-21)
- minister to our needs and bring us comfort (Hebrews 1:7,14)
- protect us from harm (2 Kings 6:8-18; Psalm 34:7; 35:4-6; 91:11-12)
- guide us (Matthew 2:13; Acts 8:26)
- often attend to believers at death (Luke 16:22)

Section II: Jacob Plans to Send Messengers to Esau (vv. 3-8)

³And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, ⁴instructing them, "Thus you shall say to *my lord* Esau: Thus says *your servant* Jacob, 'I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. ⁵I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell *my lord*, in order that I may find favor in your sight.' "

⁶And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him." ⁷Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, ⁸thinking, "If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape."

- Gen. 32:3-8

Application: Walk by faith in God's _____ and _____.

Section III: The Prayer of Jacob (vv. 9-12)

⁹And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,'

¹⁰I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. ¹¹Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. ¹²But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' "

- Gen. 32:9-12

Application: _____.

There are five aspects to Jacob's prayer we can learn from:

1. In prayer, we must pray _____.
2. In prayer, we must _____ before the Lord and depend on his grace.
3. In prayer, we must declare God's _____.
4. In prayer, we must bring our _____ before the Lord.

Six petitions of The Lord's Prayer. (Matthew 6:9-13)

1. for God's name to be hallowed,
2. his kingdom to come,
3. his will to be done,
4. our daily bread,
5. forgiveness,
6. and protection.

5. In prayer, we must honestly share our _____ and _____ with God.

Section IV: Jacob Sends a Gift to Esau (vv. 13-21)

¹³ So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, ¹⁴ two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, ¹⁵ thirty milking camels and their calves, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. ¹⁶ These he handed over to his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on ahead of me and put a space between drove and drove." ¹⁷ He instructed the first, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, 'To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?' ¹⁸ then you shall say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present sent to my lord Esau. And moreover, he is behind us.' " ¹⁹ He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, "You shall say the same thing to Esau when you find him, ²⁰ and you shall say, 'Moreover, your servant Jacob is behind us.' " For he thought, "I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me." ²¹ So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp.

- Gen. 32:13-21

Application: Seek _____ with others.

Reconciliation Principles from Genesis 32:1-21. (from Gregory Brown via Bible.org)

- To Seek Reconciliation, We Must _____ and _____
_____. (vv. 3-5)
- To Seek Reconciliation, We Must Realize that It Might Not Happen _____
(vv. 6-8)
- To Seek Reconciliation, We Must Labor in _____ (vv. 9-12)
- To Seek Reconciliation, We Must _____ Those Separated from Us (vv.
13-21)