

# GENESIS 34-35

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## THEME:

*God's Chosen Heritage*

## TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

*The "Jacob" in Israel pt 2*

## INTRODUCTION;

**"THE BIBLE... WHO CAN BELIEVE IT, IT WAS WRITTEN BY A BUNCH OF MEN" - say's the uninformed!!!**

What a strange group of men. • They judge themselves • Write their own indictments.  
• Condemn their own actions and • Totally expose their most shameful deeds & moments.

It's our fallen nature to massage history  
(OUR OWN HISTORY)

**Genesis 34 ( *all have sinned...* )  
God even keeps His name out of this Chapter**



**In Genesis 35  
"God" appears 11 times**

In Our Last Study Together;



We saw Jacob's decision to settle in Shechem  
(NOT BETHEL)

*Shechem was a prosperous city within Canaan Land, Beautiful to behold,  
excellent for the check book & savings account.*

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**The Children** began to grow up in a city that was filled with a type of various religions, all sorts of pagan practices. It was Known for having no absolutes!!!

**James 4:13-14**

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit" <sup>14</sup> whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. <sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

IT'S NOT

*Home is where the heart is*

HOME

*is where the Lord is*

***Integrity***

was sacrificed on the altar of feelings.

What feels right!

What seems right!

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**Ask yourself always**

**#1 Why, #2 How, #3 When, #4 Where**

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What feels right!

What seems right!

At Joey's

( Lisa & I were at Joey's B&Q and four women sat next to us and expounding about their concepts of God )

- *Nature is god*, we need to draw closer to Nature (Nature is sick)
  - *All religions* are god's way, it really doesn't matter
  - I had to stop going to my church, each week it was *"the Bible say's this, The Bible say's that..."*
  - god just wants us to *feel good* and *feel happy!*
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If you want to feel happy, get drunk,  
use drugs, have an affair...  
you may be in Canaan.... But your certainly not in Bethel

### The Function of the church is

Ephesians 4:13-14

***That we are to come*** into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> **that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,**  
(Children are governed by their feelings)

- The Answer is not **feeling right**
- The Answer is **being right**

Jeremiah 17:9-10a

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? <sup>10</sup> I, the LORD, **search** the heart, I test the mind,

*Search*                      *HEB; to penetrate; to examine by probing*

Q & A;

**Did God Tell Him To Go To The Land of Canaan - YES !**

SPECIFICALLY,  
God told Him to go to BETHEL which is within Canaan

Last week

*We saw Dinah looking for friends among the girls of the city, only to be raped by Shechem*

Verse 6-13

The Proposition to “mix-marry” among the Hebrews

Always of a religious nature (not color) Moses & Solomon

Besides, Our God is Jewish

Verse 14-17

*Circumcision was an outward display of an inward relationship with God.*

(Like baptism is today)

*Circumcision doesn't save you nor can it save you & the same with baptism, it cannot save you... they point towards an inward change*

RELIGION is often used to hide an evil motive (***Murder***)

*Come on Jack, wouldn't you do the same*

- *I Pray That I wouldn't do the same*
- *I Pray I would do what Jesus would do*

**Romans 12:19 NIV**

**Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.**

**Leviticus 19:18a NIV**

**Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your brethren**

Verse 23

The true Motives are exposed

## Verse 30

### A Sad Glimpse of Jacob's Spiritual Condition.

Jacob hasn't said or done anything to defend Dinah or the Family

He can't, He's backslidden, He's carnal  
After all he's in Canaan land

### His Judgment is cloudy

#### Proverbs 3:5-7

*Trust* in the LORD ((*baw-takh'*) *be confident or sure: be bold to put confidence in, to make your hope,*) with all your heart, and lean (*shaw-an*) to rest, relax take easy; not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. <sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil

## Genesis Chapter 35

A Long-awaited Chapter of Revival

Jacob is about 90 yrs. old (*147yrs. total*)

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## Verse 2

True worship is always purifying

- A call to recommitment
- A call to devotion
- A call to holiness

#1 Put away your gods

#2 Purify yourselves

#3 Change your clothes (look at you... Bum's)

**1 Peter 1:15-16**

but as He who called you is **holy**, you also be **holy** in all your conduct,  
because it is written, "Be **holy**, for I am **holy**.  
( meaning of the word - CHRISTIAN )

*Holy*

GRK

*hagios (hag'-ee-os);*

*sacred, pure, blameless, consecrated, one, thing, saint.*

Saint Jack

**Colossians 1:27**

...God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the  
Gentiles: **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

**John 14:16-17 KJV**

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with  
you for ever; <sup>17</sup> Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth  
him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in  
you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come (inside of of who you are)to you.

*hagios* comes out of the Greek word; *hagos*

*hagos means* (an awful thing, an accursed thing, an abomination)

Holiness, Separated living NOT MONKISH

**1 Timothy 2:8**

I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up **holy** hands, without wrath and  
doubting;

Verse 3

Go up to Bethel

The years in review...

**Psalm 73:1a**

**Truly God is good to Israel, (Jacob)**

Most of us are between 20 - 40 years old  
some are older

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### LOOKING BACK

I ask you, What does your past look like, How do you see it

- Is it full of “ I should have....
- If I could do it again I’d....
- Never again would I....

### BITTERNESS ROBS THE VIEW BACK

How can you be bitter when you have Christ,  
Salvation,  
Grace,  
Blessings,  
Eternal Life,  
The Promise of Heaven...

What are you Whining about ???

TAKE A LOOK AROUND, WHAT DO YOU SEE

I love being around GRATEFUL old people...

*Truly God is God*

Lisa & I used to visit a man OTTO

*he was a rose among the thorns*

### WHEN WE'RE OLD WE WILL BE ABLE TO SAY

- HEAVEN IS NEAR,
- HELP ME ALONG
- GOD IS GOOD

Verse 7

God, of The House of God

Verse 10

*Let's try it again Jacob I mean Israel*

Verse 11-12

I Gave to Abraham

I Give to You

..and to your descendants after you I Give this land.

Gave & Give is the same **HEB:** word **appoint**

Verse 13-15

The Sunset Years of Israel

Verse 16-29

*Let's be careful to do the following;*

- A.) *remember Gods past blessings*
- B.) *presently be committed, purified*
- C.) *future blessing of His promises*