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Study No. 4
Jacob - The Discovery



Genesis 32: 1-32
33: 1-17



1 John 1: 9

Suggested Further Reading

Colossians 3: 12-14 James 4: 8 1 John 1: 6-10

Now Jacob was on his homeward journey, twenty years after running away from his angry brother, Esau. As he approached the area where Esau lived, he sent messengers ahead of him to inform Esau of his coming.

What news did these messengers bring back to Jacob?

[Text box for answer]

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Their report alarmed Jacob! It seemed as if Esau wanted to fight! Jacob did several things to try to ward off any trouble which might arise.

Write TRUE or FALSE after each of these:-

- He divided all his animals into two large groups.
- He himself went into the hills to hide from Esau.
- He prayed to God, asking for His help.
- He decided to go back to Laban.
- He sent Esau a large present.
- He hurried on by himself to have a personal meeting with Esau.

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During the night, Jacob had a very strange experience.

WORD SEARCH

Read about it again in verses 24-31, then write answers to these questions in the spaces provided, AND also circle them in the WORD SEARCH.

N	E	V	E	L	E	I	W
X	H	A	V	E	P	R	X
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O	D	X	T	F	I	A	B
C	E	L	X	T	E	O	B
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- How many sons did Jacob have at this time?
- Name the ford, or river, across which he put his whole family.
- Find the answer to the question, "What is your name?"
- What did the 'Stranger' do with Jacob all night?
- What new name did Jacob receive?
- What name did Jacob give to this place?

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Now write out the remaining letters in order, (omitting all the X's) and arrange them in such a way that they tell what Jacob said about his experience.

[Text box for answer]

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This is the 'key' to unlock the meaning of that strange nighttime happening. For Jacob, it was even more important to meet GOD, than to meet his brother. The events of that night were proof to Jacob that God still had plans for his life. He was not going to discard him. Instead, He was going to make a new man out of him, as the change of name suggests.

For us today, a personal meeting with God is essential. We can come to Him through the Lord Jesus, and have His forgiveness for all the 'wrongs' we have done.

The Key Verse tells us about what He wants to do for us. Write it out.

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Next day the two brothers met! It was the moment Jacob had been fearing for a long time, but in the event, all went well.

Write a sentence to say how Esau received Jacob.

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How happy Jacob must have been to realize that Esau had forgiven him!

In this respect, Esau is a good example for all of us, especially if we are followers of the Lord Jesus. HE has forgiven us, and we ought to forgive those who wrong us.

Look up Ephesians 4: 32 and write it out.

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