

STUDY THIRTY ONE

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Genesis 35

Introduction

Long ago Jacob had made a vow to the Lord to follow him if the Lord should bless him as he had promised. It has taken a long time for Jacob to fulfil his vow.

Questions for Discussion

1.a) Where did God tell Jacob to go (v.1)?

b) Why was Bethel an important place? (See Gen. 28)

c) What had Jacob been through since he first met God so many years before?

2.a) What did Jacob tell his family to get rid of (v.2)?

b) How had they come to have foreign gods in their home?

c) Is it possible to go through life as a disciple without growing in faith? (See 1Cor. 3:10-15.)

d) What changes do we have to make as followers of Christ? (See Ro. 12:1-2)

3.a) Why did they put away their earrings also (v.4)?

b) Is it always wrong to wear jewellery?

4.a) How did Reuben sin against his father (v.22)?

b) What was Israel's reaction when he found out about Reuben's sin?

c) How should we deal with the sin of another person in our family or fellowship?
(See Mt. 18:15-18)

5.a) How many deaths are recorded in this chapter (vv.8, 19 & 29)?

b) How do you react when loved ones die?

6. What can we learn about God from this chapter?

For Further Thought And Action

Think about an area of your life that needs to change. Pray for wisdom and discipline to be more like Christ.

Memory Verse

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2