

GEN. 32:9-14 2025 ESAU COMES TO MEET JACOB – “DELIVER ME, I PRAY!”

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DELIVER ME, I PRAY!

Gen 32:9 Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you':

Gen 32:10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies.

Gen 32:11 Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear (be honest) him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children.

Gen 32:12 For You said (really standing on His promises), 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' "

Gen 32:13 So he lodged there that same night, and took what came to his hand as a present for Esau his brother:

THE SETTING: Jacob is in a most difficult, fearful position! There is no way out!

- **Jacob, leaving Syria, going back to Israel, had just completed a most difficult parting of company with Laban.** Angry with Jacob's departing, Laban proposed a covenant of friendship, to which Jacob agrees. A heap of stones was raised, to keep up the memory of the event. The heap of witness- "Mizpah." Neither of us will cross this place to come against the other. So Jacob cannot go north because of the covenant with Laban
- **Now from the south comes the report –(Gen. 32:6)** “ Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he also is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him." - No place to go! No way out! What do you do?
- **The need for prayer!** Our rule is to call upon God in the time of trouble. Here is a wonderful example to this rule. Its success encourages us to follow this example.
- **It was now a time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it;** and here we have him praying for that salvation, (*Jer 30:7*) *Alas! For that day it is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it. In his distress he sought the Lord, who heard Him.*
- **Times of fear should be times of prayer;** whatever frightens us should drive us to our knees!
- **It is indeed worthwhile to examine what was extraordinary in this prayer.** We can learn much!
- **Notice the address:** “*O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me,*”
- **This prayer is remarkable for its simplicity and energy.**
- **It is a model for prayer, which it contains these essential ingredients: -**

PROPER ADDRESS: Notice the address: (*Gen 32:9*) “*O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me,*”

DEEP HUMILITY!

(*Gen 32:10*) *I am not worthy* (first evidence of deep humility of Jacob) *of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies.*

- **We can detect a change in Jacob's life.** This is the first time we have ever heard him say, “*I am not worthy of the least of Your mercies.*”
- **For the first time, he is acknowledging** that he might be a sinner in God's sight.
- **We are all sinners, saved by grace.** As long as we are in this life, we have that old nature that isn't even fit to go to heaven. God is not going to let it go to heaven. Our old nature cannot go there. That is the reason God had to give us a new nature. Jacob is beginning to say that he is not worthy.
- **When any man begins to move toward God on that basis,** God will communicate with him.
- **He went over the Jordan with just his walking stick,** his staff—that's all he had. Now he is coming back, and he has become two companies. This is Jacob for you.

- **Humility examples - The centurion (Mat. 8:8-10)**– “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof....Jesus said, “I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”; The Syro-Phoenician woman - **(Mt. 15:27-28)** “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table....O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire. Her daughter was healed from that very hour.”

MAGNIFYING God’s MERCY! - (Gen 32:10) *I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant;*

MINIMIZING of the evil to which he was exposed! - (Gen 32:11) Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear (note honesty in his prayer) him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children.

- **Deliver me! Just two words!**
- **Jacob's fear did not make him sink into despair**, nor did his prayer make him presume upon God's mercy, without the use of means. God answers prayers by teaching us to order our affairs. Jacob did take his prayer back somewhat by scheming; Forming his family into groups for protection; livestock into presents for Esau (550 animals)! **We must not despair of reconciling ourselves** to those most angry against us.

PLEADING, STANDING ON, THE PROMISES that God had made to him! – (Gen 32:12) *For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'* "

- **(Gen 28:15)** *Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."*
- **(Gen 31:3b)** *Jacob “Return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will be with you."*

TAKING ENCOURAGEMENT from what God had already done! - (Gen 32:12) *For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, ,,,, (Gen 32:10b) - for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies)..... and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'* "

- **Jacob is standing on the promises of God! Note Jacob’s humility! Jacob has fully surrendered!**

STANDING ON THE PROMISES -- HUMBLE THYSELF – I SURRENDER ALL!! (4:22)

Standing on the promises of Christ the King, through eternal ages let His praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

*Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord; Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord;
And He shall Lift You Up, Higher and Higher And He shall Lift You Up
Up into Heaven And He shall Lift You Up; And He shall Lift You Up, Higher and Higher
And He shall Lift You Up, Up into Heaven And He shall Lift You Up
And He shall Lift You Up (4X)*

All to Jesus I surrender; all to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

Refrain -I surrender all, I surrender all, all to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender now I feel the sacred flame O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory, to His name

PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS - especially their salvation!

Xi Jinping – China; Narendra Modi - India; Donald Trump – USA; Prabowo Subianto - Indonesia; Luiz Lula da Silva - Brazil; Asif Ali Zardari - Pakistan; Bola Tinubu - Nigeria; Mohammed Shahabuddin - Bangladesh; Vladimir Putin - Russia; Claudia Pardo–Mexico; Benjamin Netanyahu–Israel; Friedrich Merz – Germany; Keir Starmer – U.K.