

Jacob's Confrontation with God--Week 33

Gen 32:22 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. 24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27 The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. 28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." 29 Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." 31 The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. 32 Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon. NIV

- Jacob, having spiritually made God his friend by a _____, now is prudently endeavoring to make Esau his friend by a _____.

Ps 51:17 My sacrifice [the sacrifice acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart [broken down with sorrow for sin and humbly and thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise.

Jacob's Prayer

1. It was prayed with _____.
The profound humility Jacob shows before God is a sure indication that the _____ of Jacob has gone through major change.

My significance has to be determined not just by what God says, but how _____ I am in trusting what God says.
2. Jacob prayed in _____.
If change is _____ God will lead us in a way that can be followed.
3. Jacob prayed in _____.
The trials of life just as Jacob experienced are working a deeper and more loving understanding of Godly _____.

What is Godly wisdom then?

- At Bethel he saw the _____, at Jabbok he saw the _____.
- At Bethel he became a _____ man, at Jabbok he became a _____ man.
- A broken vessel is now an _____ vessel.

Notice the differences in the two meetings:

- At Bethel he came away with a new spring in his step, at Jabbok he came away with a _____ from his hip.
- At Bethel he died to his _____, at Jabbok he died to _____.

The Encounter at Jabbok

1. Jacob was very much _____.
2. Jacob was very much _____.
3. Jacob life was very much _____.
 - Notice God is never in a _____.
 - The working in Jacob is to remind us today we cannot have instant _____.
 - With his hip out of the socket, Jacob is no longer fighting, but he is _____.
4. Jacob was now very much _____ by God.
 - Israel means: "to be chief"; literally "God's _____".
 - The new name was a token of a new _____.
 - He called the name of the place Peniel, which means the _____ of God.

What do we learn?

- There is a right way and a wrong way to _____ with God.
- Limping is a sign of _____ and _____, not disapproval.
- The Lord puts a perpetual mark of _____ on us, by changing our name.
- When we have a true encounter with the _____ of God, our life is forever changed.