

Esau Comes to Meet Jacob

Genesis 32:1-21

Main Point:

When you are afraid, remember God's angels, cry out to God in prayer, and take appropriate action.

1. You will identify at times with Jacob in his fear.

2. When you are afraid, remember God's angels.

3. When you are afraid, cry out to God in prayer.

4. When you are afraid, take appropriate action.

Genesis 28:10-12 ¹⁰ Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. (NKJV)

J.G. Vos "The appearance of angels betokened the near presence and special protection and favor of God."

Hebrews 1:14 ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? (NKJV)

Psalms 91:10-11 ¹⁰ No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; ¹¹ For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. (NKJV)

Allen Ross "Believers can take comfort from the revelation that the angels of God are present ..."

Allen Ross "In both form and content, this prayer makes a significant contribution to our study of prayers."

Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (NKJV)

Matthew Henry "The best we can say to God in prayer is what he has said to us. God's promises, as they are the surest guide of our desires in prayer, and furnish us with the best petitions, so they are the firmest ground of our hopes ..."

Matthew Henry "Times of fear should be times of prayer; whatever frightens us should drive us to our knees, to our God."

Psalms 34:4 ⁴ I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears. (NKJV)

Matthew Henry "When we have prayed to God for any mercy, we must second our prayers with our endeavours; else, instead of trusting God, we tempt him ..." That is, we put Him to the test. Because He is one who answers our prayers through our actions.