

INTRODUCTION

- * God's plan for Christ to come into the world was not a mystery. He had planned it before the foundations of the world were laid.
- * During the past six messages we have considered some Old Testament portraits of Christ.
- * Today, we want to examine an incident where God reveals Himself to Jacob – a man of great guile (treacherous cunning; skillful deceit)

INSTRUCTION

I. THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE PASSAGE

A. The C _____ of God

1. IT WAS _____ (*cf. Genesis 25:23; 28:13*)

2. IT WAS _____
 - a. Consider _____ (*cf. Genesis 25: 29-34; Genesis 27*)
 - b. Consider _____ (*cf. Acts 7: 54-60; 8 & 9*)

B. The P _____ of God

1. THE CONTENT OF GOD'S PROMISE
 - a. God Promised His _____ (v. 13-14)
 - b. God Promised His _____ (v. 15)

2. THE DURATION OF GOD'S PROMISE (v. 15b; Phil 1:6; Rom 8:28-29; John 10:27-29)

II. THE PROPHETICAL APPLICATION OF THE PASSAGE (*cf. John 1:43-51; John 14:6*)

A. Consider the Ladder – Christ

- * Ephesians 2:13-14,18
- * Acts 4:12
- * I Timothy 2:3-5
- * Romans 5:1-2

B. Consider the Angels ... Messengers and Ministers of Heaven (*cf. Hebrews 1:13-14; 13:2; Matthew 18:10*)

INTROSPECTION

- * But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)
 God loves you ... and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for your sins.
 Truly, "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- * Jesus is the ladder (access) to heaven. How often do you avail yourself of this privilege?

- * To those who are His, He has promised His protection and faithfulness. He will be true to His call.