

Reconciled At Last!

Genesis 33:1-20

Introduction

I Jacob Prepared To Meet Esau

- A. He _____ and saw Esau and 400 men - 2 Chron 20:12
- B. He divided his children among his wives - Is 50:10-11
- C. He strategically _____ his family
 - 1. Zilpah, Bilhah, Leah and Rachel
 - a. Rachel and Joseph were last - James 2:1
- D. He went on ahead to meet Esau - Jn 11:49-50
 - 1. He _____ to Esau 7 times - Matt 5:25

II Esau Accepted Jacob's Overture

- A. He _____ to meet Jacob - Lk 15:17-24
- B. He embraced Jacob
- C. He _____ Jacob
 - 1. They _____ together - Prov 28:13
- D. He questioned Jacob
 - 1. "Who are these women and children?"
 - a. They were graciously given by _____ - James 1:17
 - b. They all bowed down to Esau
 - 2. "What do you mean by all these droves I met?"
 - a. Esau was _____ with what he had - 1 Tim 6:6-10

III Jacob Insisted On Making Restitution

- A. He encouraged Esau to _____ his gifts - Lk 19:8-9
 - 1. "If I have found favor in your eyes" - Job 33:26
 - 2. "Seeing your face is like seeing the face of God" - Eph 5:1
 - 3. "You have received me favorably"
- B. He may have had _____ motivations for the gifts
 - 1. _____ motivation:
 - a. "God has been gracious to me"
 - b. "I have all I need" - Phil 4:19
 - 2. _____ motivation:
 - a. Guilt over his past sins against Esau
 - b. An attempt to appease Esau - Prov 18:16

IV Jacob Remained Separate From Esau

- A. Esau offered to _____ Jacob - Prov 12:10; Is 40:11
 - 1. Jacob declined because of the children and animals
- B. Esau offered to provide men for _____
 - 1. Jacob once again declined
- C. Esau returned to Seir expecting Jacob to join him
 - 1. Jacob went to Succoth - Gen 31:3, 13
 - a. He built a place for _____
 - b. He built shelters for his _____
 - 2. Jacob came to a place called Shalem, a city of Shechem
 - a. He pitched his tent in the _____ of Shechem - Gen 13
 - b. He bought a plot of ground in Shechem - Ps 1:1
 - c. He set up an _____; "El Elohe Israel" - 1 Sam 15:22

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. Share a time when you experienced a wonderful reconciliation. What happened? How are things with that person now?
2. Read the story of The Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32. Write down as many parallels between this story and the events surrounding Jacob and Esau's lives. What did you discover? What does Gen 33 and Luke 15:11-32 teach you about biblical reconciliation? What does it teach you about God?
3. Do you think the reconciliation between Jacob and Esau was complete? Why or why not? Support your conclusions from the text. What if anything was lacking?
4. Are you currently in a conflict? Read Matthew 5:23-26 and 18:15-17 for God's instructions. Ask the Holy Spirit to remove any fear, guide you in what to do and give you a willing heart to obey the truth of God's Word.

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