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Genesis 28:10 – 19:14

“The journey which Jacob had begun was an arduous and difficult one. From Beersheba, Isaac’s dwelling-place, to Padan-Aram, his destination, was a distance of something like five hundred miles.”

At sunset what does Jacob do? 28:11

What did he see in a dream? vv.12-13a

What was he told? vv.13b-15

“Here we behold the marvelous grace of God, which delights to single out as its objects the most unlikely and unworthy subjects. Here was Jacob a fugitive from his father’s house, fleeing from his brother’s wrath, with probably no thought of God in his mind. We behold him there on the bare ground with nothing but the stones for his pillow, enshrouded by the darkness of night, asleep. While he was in this condition, God appeared to him! It was God in grace who now met him for the first time and gave to him and his seed the land whereon he lay. . . the Lord now repeated the promises which He had made before to Abraham and Isaac, with the additional assurance that He would be with him, preserving him wherever he went, and ultimately bringing him back to the land.”

“Gleanings in Genesis” Arthur W. Pink pp.252,252

What does he think when he wakes up? vv.16-17

What does he do and say? vv.18-19

What vow does he make? vv.20-22

“Jacob failed to rise to the level of God’s grace and was filled with fear instead of peace, and expressed human effort by speaking of what he will do. Oh, how often we follow in his steps! Instead of resting in the goodness of God and appropriating His free grace, like Jacob, we bargain and enter into conditions and stipulations. May the God of Grace enlarge our hearts to receive His grace, and may he empower us to magnify His grace by refusing to defile it with any of our own wretched additions.” “Gleanings in Genesis” Arthur W. Pink p.253

Arriving in the land of eastern people what does he see? 29:1-3

What do the shepherds tell him? vv.4-9

How does he react when he meets Rachel? vv.10-12a

How is he welcomed by Laban? vv.12b-14

“The plan of Jacob’s mother seemed to be working very well. Everything appeared to be running very smoothly. Esau had been left behind at a safe distance, the long journey from Beersheba to Padan-aran had been covered without harm, little or no difficulty had been experienced in locating his mother’s brother. Rachel had shown no resentment at Jacob’s affectionate greeting, and now Laban himself had accorded the fugitive a warm welcome, and for a whole month nothing seems to have broken their serenity.”

“Gleanings in Genesis” Arthur W. Pink pp.257

