

**HOW CAN WE FIND HIS ASSURANCE IN THE MIDST OF
LONELINESS, DESPAIR AND EVEN HIS DISCIPLINE?
THE LORD'S LADDER
Genesis 28:1-22**

I. CONTEXT: How did Jacob get in this situation? (1-9)

- A. In response to Rebekah's deceitful prompting, Isaac rightly blesses, charges sends Jacob to go get a wife from his relatives in Haran (1-5)

- B. In contrast, Esau's vainly seeks Isaacs blessing through mimicking the obedience of Jacob (6-9)

II. WE NEED TO LET THE LORD TO RENEW AND ENCOURAGE US THROUGH HIS WORD: In spite of Jacob's past disobedience (to which he is and will be disciplined), as he now obeys, the Lord assures him in a dream with His Word (10-15)

- A. Jacob obeying, on the way to Haran, came to a certain place and spends the night (10-11)

- B. The Lord gives Jacob a reassuring dream, affirms His Covenant promises with him and assures him of His presence, protection and (12-15, John 1)
 - 1. The Lord's ladder reveals to Jacob the Lord's unseen intervention upon his life (12, John 1)

 - 2. The Lord affirms His covenant promises to Jacob (13-14)

 - 3. The Lord promises to be with him, keep him, and bring him back to the land (15)

III. KNOW THAT WORSHIP WILL BE AN EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE TRULY BELIEVED: Jacob responds to the Lord and His Word with worship (16-22)

- A. Jacobs reverently names the place Bethel (16-17,19)

- B. Jacob sets up a memorial at Bethel (18-19)

- C. Jacob makes a vow to voluntarily give back to the Lord from what He gives (20-22)