

Beautiful
BIBLE TREASURES
For Children
Lesson 19

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Dream of Angels

Jacob had to learn a lesson to not take things that belonged to others.

He wanted his father and brother Esau to promise that instead of Esau getting what belonged to him, that it would be his instead.

Jacob was too greedy and so had to go and live somewhere else for awhile. He was sad and sorry for his mistakes then.

As he was travelling, God did a wonderful thing to encourage him. Jacob had a beautiful dream of angels, on a heavenly ladder.

He knew God was there right beside him, and loved him and would help him. Jacob chose to change and follow in God's way instead, and God took good care of him.



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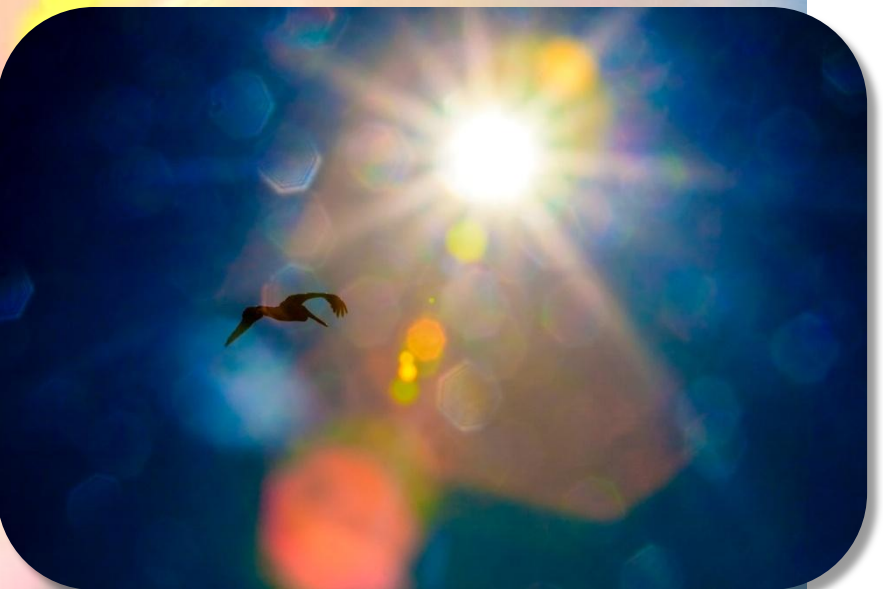
Jacob, Isaac's son, wasn't always an honest and trustworthy man. He had to learn the hard way that being dishonest in order to get what you want doesn't bring you the best things.

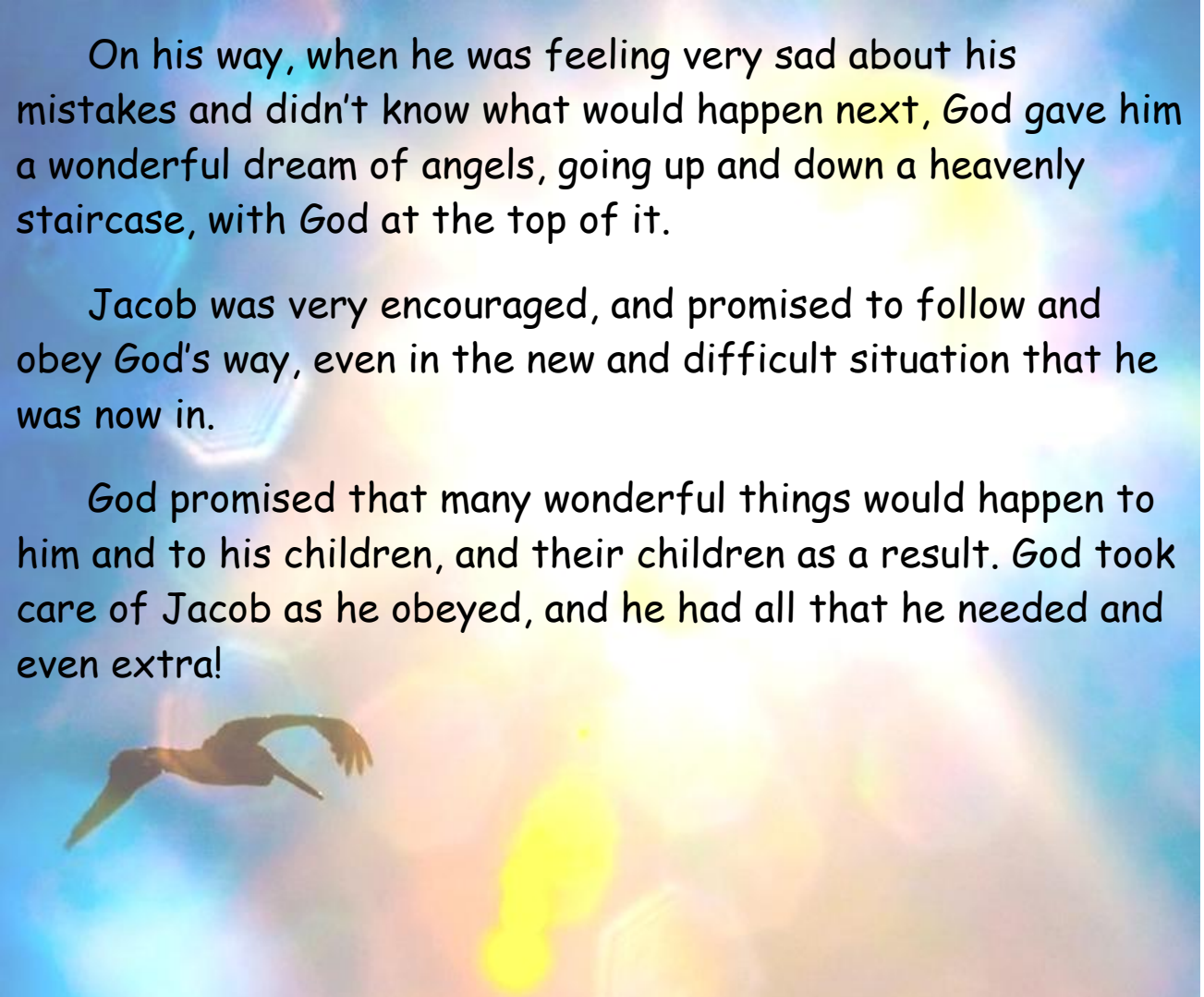
Jacob wanted things to be easy, and he wanted to get all the best things too. He not only wanted what was his, but he wasn't happy that it seemed his brother Esau would possibly get more things than he would—since Esau was born first.

Jacob did some unkind and selfish things. He convinced Esau to give him some things that were to be for the oldest boy. At first Esau didn't seem to mind, but then Jacob kept taking even more away from him.

One day Jacob even got their father to unknowingly give the blessing and promise telling of all the good things that would come his way to Jacob, instead of to Esau.

This was too much for Esau to handle, and that's when things started to get tough for Jacob. He had to leave home and move to another place, and live with his uncle.





On his way, when he was feeling very sad about his mistakes and didn't know what would happen next, God gave him a wonderful dream of angels, going up and down a heavenly staircase, with God at the top of it.

Jacob was very encouraged, and promised to follow and obey God's way, even in the new and difficult situation that he was now in.

God promised that many wonderful things would happen to him and to his children, and their children as a result. God took care of Jacob as he obeyed, and he had all that he needed and even extra!

Activity

*Make a pretty card for your brother or sister, or someone who needs some encouragement. Draw and decorate a picture of an angel on the front, and write a Bible verse on the inside.

Dream of Angels



Have you ever behaved in a way that made things real tough for you? Perhaps it was something that you felt you needed to do, but then the results were difficult, made people sad, and caused problems?

Well, that seemed to be happening to Jacob, Isaac's son, when he was a man. He'd taken something that belonged to someone else, something that was special to his brother Esau.

Even when it was time to be born, and the twins were just little tiny babies, they were wiggling and trying to be the first one born. Imagine that! Then when they were much older, as young men, Jacob the youngest convinced the older one, Esau, in return for a bowl of food to eat right then, to promise that he would get the benefits of being the oldest one.

Esau was too hungry to care about it at the time, and so he said it was okay. Jacob got the promise of the benefits of being the oldest, given to him by his brother Esau, in return for food.

Then, when they were older, their father was to bless the oldest, giving a prayer and message about the good things that would come in their life. Jacob took this blessing before Esau went to his father to receive it, pretending to be Esau. It made Isaac, his father, very sad, and Esau very mad.

Jacob could no longer stay there, as he'd upset Esau too much, and had some things he needed to learn. He was sent away to his uncle Laban—his mother's brother. Jacob must have felt like it was the end of his old life, and wasn't quite sure what was to happen next.

When you are really discouraged, sad, at a loss for what to do, feel alone, don't know what is going to happen next, have made others upset, made big mistakes, can't seem to behave right, and keep making the same wrong decisions, you can be sure that God is still around and that He cares about you.

Jacob, on his journey away from home to go and live with his uncle, felt pretty low and like a failure, not knowing what would happen next in his life. But God can change anyone, teach them new things and help them do great things for Him, if they are willing to follow Him. Sometimes it takes a long time of learning difficult lessons before we are ready to do a new and great job.



While travelling, and it was night time, Jacob didn't have anything but a rock for a pillow to sleep on. In his sleep God encouraged his heart so much.

He saw a dream of angels and described it as a ladder going from the ground where he was, up into Heaven. Angels were ascending and descending on it, and God was at the top of it.

God spoke to Jacob in the dream and said somewhat the same message that he had given to Abraham, and to Isaac—that he would bless him, and give him many descendants.

He said there would be so many in their family, and those that would yet be born, that they would be in number as the dust of the ground—too many to count! God also told him of the land that would be theirs, in the future.

These men and their families had to believe, one day at a time, one year at a time, that these things promised to them and to their children were going to happen in time. Things didn't happen right away. It takes a lot of time for some things to happen.

Abraham and Isaac both had to believe God's words and promises to them, and make the right choices—but they didn't see it all happening just then, in their lifetime. They had to do the right thing in order to pave the way for God to bring about just what He had promised in the future.

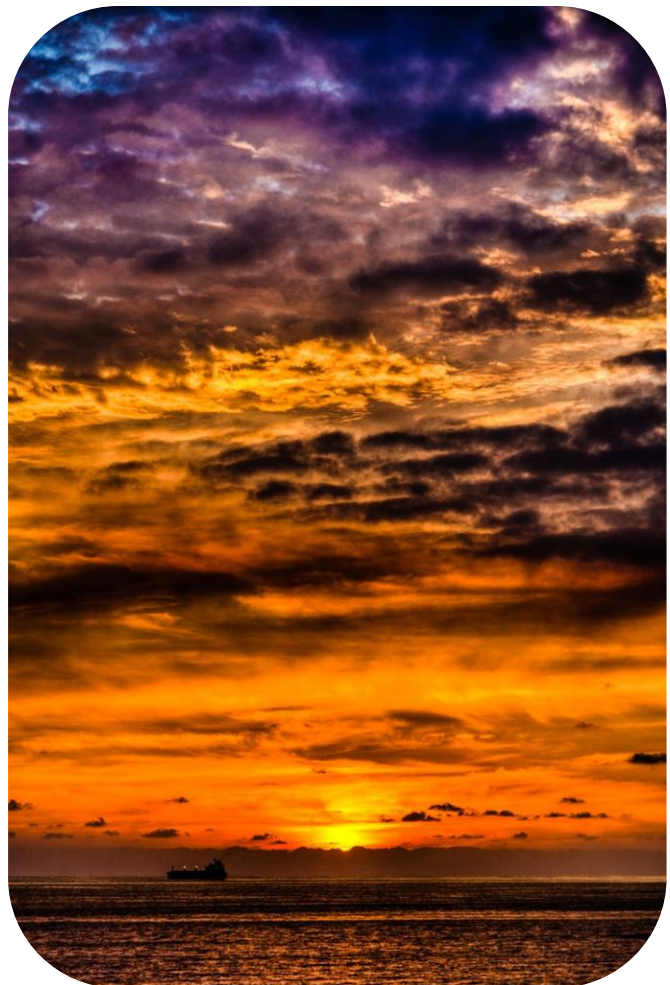
Can you do that? That surely takes great faith to obey and follow God even when you can't see Him, and even when the things that He promises will happen as result of your faithful obedience aren't seen right away.

In some ways it's like the pilot of an airplane. His job is to get those in the airplane to their destination. He may never see any of the great things the people on board do from there, the countries they travel to next, or the work they do in that country to help others. But if he didn't fly them there, it wouldn't happen.

So it is with each one of you, on Earth. If you believe the things your Heavenly Father, the one Who cares for you more than you'll ever know, tells you—and you do what God knows is best for your life, then good things can happen next.

Even if you don't see the results and effects of your choices to do things God's way, right now, today, and you don't see everything working out to your liking, immediately, don't fret! Don't worry, or give up. "Good things come to those that wait."

When Jacob woke from his dream, he was very amazed, and felt so happy and in awe. It seemed to him that the very door of Heaven was right there! He made a pillar with the stone he used as a pillow, to mark that spot.



He also made some promises—that if God helped him, protected him, provided food and clothes and all that he needed, that he would obey and follow God. Also Jacob promised that anything he got, he would give one tenth of it to the Lord. And that is what happened. Jacob had all that he needed as he followed God's plan.

Let's Talk About It

*When you feel angry and hurt because of the thoughtlessness and selfishness of someone else, what can you do to deal with it wisely, and to work things out?

*When you've made a big mistake and feel like everyone is upset at you, and you feel sad, and bad, and scared, is there anything in this story that you can gain encouragement from? What are some things you can remember and do when faced with the difficult consequences of your mistakes?

Activity

*Cut shapes of angels out of paper or cloth, and glue them on to the top of a small cardboard box. This can be your "Jesus takes care of me and loves me" box. When something special happens that reminds you that He is near, you can put a reminder of it in the box.

(For example: a ticket to a fun show, or a food label of something you needed that He provided, or the package to the socks you had been praying for, or pictures of a special event, or a pretty pressed flower, etc.)

You can keep a notebook in there as well, to jot down or draw pictures of other things Jesus did to show you His love and care—things that can't be put in box!

Dream of Angels

Connect and Communicate



*Get a piece of paper and pencil for each one. Everyone writes at the top of their paper: "To do". Review the story of the wise and foolish builders. (Matthew 7:24-27) Wise men not only hear God's words, but do it too. Before leaving the Bible study time, write one thing on your "to do" list that you learned that God wants you to do. Plan to put it into practice that day!

Study Fun

Mark: The sad or difficult feelings of heart or body, or emotions that this passage expresses in this story.

Look up: What these words mean: birthright, venison.

List: The various promises made - to each other, to God, from God.

Genesis

25:29 And Jacob sold pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

25:30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

25:31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

25:32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

25:33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

27:19 And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy first born; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

27:26 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27:27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed:

27:30 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

27:31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.



27:32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

27:33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of

all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.

27:34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

27:35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

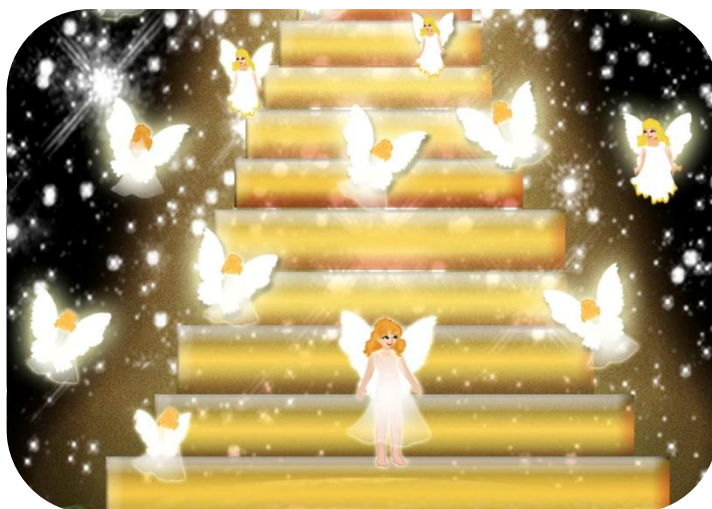
27:43 [Rebekah said:] Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran;

27:44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;

28:10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

28:11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

28:12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.



28:13 And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

28:14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

28:15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.



28:16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

28:17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

28:18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows,

and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

28:19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

28:20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

28:21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:

28:22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Activity

*What did Jacob mean when he said: "I will surely give the tenth unto thee"? Those who saved one-tenth of all they earned (in flocks, or crops, or riches and money) and gave it to whoever God wanted them to share it with, received God's blessings. Does your family do that? Is there a way you can give to God, and those that serve Him? Talk about it, and come up with some ideas!

Notable Notes -1 Corinthians

Praise

Psalms 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

*Use whatever you can to form a quick "musical band", and sing and praise the Lord with a "joyful noise!" (See Psalm 100: 1)

Activity

*Complete the statements after reading each verse:

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

If I want to know what to say when telling others about Jesus, I can get this help by _____ !

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

I must be very important to God, because _____ !

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

To be trusted with the care of things or people, I need to _____ !

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

I can help people see and know how wonderful the Lord is by _____!

1 Corinthians 9:14,16 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

When I serve the Lord and tell others about Jesus, two important things that these verses reminded me of are _____.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Though it's hard to say "no" sometimes to things that wouldn't be good for me or others if I did them, I can be assured of two comforting thoughts. First of all, I'm not alone, as others have felt the same way, and had to choose to do what was right. And secondly, the Lord promises _____!

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

The kind of people to follow and emulate are _____.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth

In my own words, I'd explain that some of the ways to react lovingly in everyday life are to _____.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

When I instantly receive my new heavenly body, I'm most looking forward to being able to _____!

1 Corinthians 16:14 Let all your things be done with charity.

When this verse says "all", it means that we can even show love or do things in a loving way when we _____!



Fountain of Faith

Luke 12:24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?



Psalms 32:7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.



Topic Treasures

—Conviction and Condemnation

Study Fun

Mark: The phrases that mention the ways God shows His love and forgiveness towards us.

Look up: The definitions of "condemn" and "condemnation".

List: Any "do's" mentioned in these verses.

Psalm 37:33 The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

Psalm 109:31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

Isaiah 55:6-7 Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Psalm 103:9-13 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

Psalm 103:14,17-18 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

1 John 3:19-20 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

1 John 3:21-22 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

1 John. 1:8-9 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Romans 14:22b. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

Psalms 32:5-7 I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.



Daily Diary

*Have you done something wrong that you are still feeling bad about in your heart? Why not talk to the Lord about it, and take a minute to ask for His thoughts and words for you. Write down what He tells you.

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