

Genesis 32-33 - Jacob Wrestles With God

Outline

Notes

A. Company of angels Gen. 32:1-2

- Hebrew: *malak* - angel / messenger
- They obey God Psa. 103:20
- Ministering spirits Heb. 1:14
- Charged to guard the saints Psa. 91:11

B. Question of worthiness Gen. 32:3-10

- self-worth = self esteem Psychology
- self-esteemism is unbiblical Mt. 16:24
- Christian's "worth" Col. 1:27, 2 Cor. 4:7
- Walk worthy (3x) Eph. 4:1, Col. 1:10
1 Thess. 2:12

C. Arguments in prayer Gen. 32:11-23

- Jacob's argument: Gen. 32:12
God's Promises/Word
- Other Arguments:
- God's character Daniel 9:18
- God's glory Psa. 79:9
- God's reputation Num. 14:15-16
- God's past mercies Psa. 25:6
- Jesus' person & work Jn. 14:13

D. Holding on to God Gen. 32:24-32

- The "man" was God Gen. 32:24, 30
- Christophanies Old Testament
- Turn your test to a testimony
- Pray with importunity Lk. 11:5-10, 18:1-8
- Jesus' prayer Heb. 5:7
- Effectual fervent prayer Jam. 5:16
- New name Gen. 32:28

E. Jacob & Esau reconcile Gen. 33:1-20

- Peacemakers are blessed Mt. 5:9
- Ambassadors of peace 1 Cor. 5:17
- Enemies at peace Prov. 16:7