



## Jacob's Ladder

Genesis 28 relays the story of the fugitive Jacob who is running away from his brother Esau heading to his uncle, Laban. The sun is setting, and out of fear, he sleeps outside the city. He is feeling lonely, forsaken, suffering from a sense of guilt, and not appreciated or understood by others due to his past sins, “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another” (1John 1:7)

“Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: “I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac ... Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.” (Genesis 28: 12, 13, 15). In His love for us, the Lord first deals with our loneliness, sense of guilt, or failure. Then, he starts disciplining and teaching us valuable lessons. I am the Lord God of Abraham, and Isaac’ means that He is the God of the promises. He gave his promises to Abraham and Isaac; Jacob is the fulfillment of these promises in spite of his shortcomings, such a clear example of grace! However, the rod of discipline is used accompanied by grace to prevent repetition of the same mistakes.

Whenever you feel lonely, make sure to read verses that describe the inheritance of God’s children and rejoice in the privileges bestowed upon us. The Lord will definitely fulfill His promises. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1Peter 1:3-5). After reading the verses, start thanking the Lord for his faithfulness; he will never forsake us even if others do or if circumstances fail us. We will never lose our adoption for our faithlessness will not stop his faithfulness. Because the Lord treats us as a father does with his children, He might use the rod of discipline but will never forsake us. He will also preserve us wherever we go. Therefore, we will never be devastated.

When passing through seasons of loneliness, always remember the ladder that opens up heaven and the angels that are going up and down to minister to your needs, to protect you, and to level your path; also, recall that the Lord is present even though you do not feel Him, “And He said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man” (John 1:51). The Lord Jesus is the path, the door, the ladder, and the mediator to heaven because of His death on the cross for us!!

When we accept Jesus as our Lord and savior, heaven will connect to earth in our lives; angels will bring down blessings from heaven and will carry our news back to heaven on the real ladder (the Lord Jesus)

Jacob's vision of the ladder is for every believer. Each one of us now has the right to enjoy heaven's blessings, answered prayers, and angels going up and down upon him!

The remedy to Loneliness is recognizing that the Lord is with us and thus trusting that we will never lose our adoption. We have an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance stored for us. As for the angels, they will come down to minister, give rest, and assist in times of our distress.