

The Way to God

Genesis 28.10-22

1. The Way Back to God, vs 10-12

- **Jacob's grief vs 10-11**
 - *life at a standstill*
 - *living in darkness 1 John 2.10-11*
 - *life at rock bottom*
- **God's grace v12**
 - *a stairway to heaven 2Sam 20.15*
Jacob hadn't known God
personally 27.20; 28.21
 - *God has to provide*
the way back to himself 11.4
 - *Jesus is our link to God*
John 1.51; 14.6; Heb 10.19-20
costing God all he had

2. God himself is our Goal in Life, v13

"I need to be your God, too"

- **don't confuse subordinate goals with our primary goal**
Rom 15.20; 2 Cor 5.9; Phil 3.8,10
knowing Jesus better Lk 11.38-42

3. God pours blessings on us, v13-15

"I will give you ..." no demands

- **Promises personalised 2 Cor 1.20**
 - **a homeland v13**
 - **many descendants v14**
 - **a blessing to others v14**
 - **God's presence, protection v15**
 - **God's guidance, destiny v15**

Mat 28.20; Heb 13.5; John 6.39; Phil 1.6

4. We give our all back to God, vs16-22

- **a new awareness of God, vs 16-17;**
John 10.7
- **conversion marked tangibly v18-19**
- **income tithed for God vs20-22**
tithing predates the Law 14.20
we give out of gratitude