

We must live by the covenant (Gen 32:24-32)

Today's sermon is titled we must live by the covenant. Today's scripture is well known. It is regarding Jacob that we know so well. Jacob wrestled with the LORD and God touched his hip socket. He wanted Jacob to come to himself. The fact that the person of God wrestle with the LORD is a problem. He should have lived by the covenant, but he had no choice but to wrestle with the LORD. We all know so well that the problem of the world has come due to original sin. For you to resolve your own problems, you must be able to first see the true cause. And at that moment, Satan is at work, which is the fundamental cause. You must be able to really realize this. And at that very moment, the power of God will manifest upon you. That is why God has promised Jesus Christ to come to destroy the work of Satan. Because the Satan is the cause. And God has allowed Jesus to come down to earth. And He died on the cross, resurrected, and be sent to Heaven. Jesus has come and finished the work of Christ. Through that, the Holy Spirit came to do the ministry of Jesus. This is the covenant. This is the content that you must believe in. Prayer is to believe and enjoy this content. It is the fact of Satan who is the curse of all problems. Jesus Christ has come down to crush the serpent's head. When you pray, you can rightfully enjoy the covenant. It is important. You must not wrestle with God in your prayer, you must hold to the covenant. There is no reason for you to pray all night long. When you hold to the covenant, you will receive the answer. But without prayer, nothing can arise, that is why your prayer is important. The root of prayer is the Gospel. A Prayer without the Gospel is a foreign prayer. Prior to your prayer, you must know the Gospel first. The Gospel not must only be the knowledge to you, it must come and set of you as the covenant. We must speak of the prayer that accurately know the Gospel and enjoy the Gospel. The power of prayer is contained inside of the Gospel and the covenant. In most cases, many believers do not accurately know the Gospel. That is why they incorrectly pray before God. They are saved and children of God, however, they pray incorrectly before God. Inside of the Gospel contains God's authority. When you pray holding to the covenant, the triune God is at work. It is God's authority to which you pray holding to the covenant and everything will be overturned within your problems. The problem is the fact that you do not pray

holding to the covenant. That is why you have no choice but to wrestle with God just like Jacob. God is not just a God; he is a God who seats on the throne of Heaven. Prayer in which you enjoy the Gospel will allow all the problems to become an answer for you. This authority is contained inside of Gospel, not your prayer. The most important prayer skill is you must be able to enjoy the Gospel. Only through that, you will be liberated from three curses of the fundamental problem. You must be able to enjoy the Christ inside of your prayer to which you will be liberated from the three curses of Genesis chapter three. For Christ is only way for you to be liberated from all curses. God does all things according to His promises. And His promises are unchanging. We are truly thankful for that. The function of the prayer in which God has given to us is for us to actualize the Gospel. That is the method that contains the Gospel. The personal meditate of prayer is the best way for you to enjoy and confess the covenant. During the time of you meditate of your prayer is carefully think about God's word. During the time of prayer, do not just give your request to God, may you deeply think of Christ. And may you give thanksgiving. It is the spiritual problem for the fact that you do not even think of Christ at that time of prayer. I hope that during the time of your prayer, you honestly think about who the Christ is and confess Christ. When you think of God's promises during the time of your prayer, you will plant it inside of your heart. This spiritual work is important. This is only way for you to solve all problems. It is impossible for you without this way to conquer and have victory in your life. You must conquer your life. You must conquer your problems. If not, you will have no choice but to be pressed by every day. For those who conquer their own problem, they have no choice but to conquer their own future. They can see and possess in advance. And that is all contained in Christ. This only takes place for those who enjoy Christ. First, you must have the fundamental foundation. You must take this path. If you do not take this path, then you have no choice but to wrestle with the LORD every day. God tells Jacob, "You must be changed." But Jacob never had desire to change himself. He just wants to receive answers. Then so, is it God who is incorrect? No. We are the ones who are incorrect. All the problems will be resolved the moment you are inside of the covenant. However, Jacob did not want to go inside of that. He simply wants to receive the answers. That is

incorrect. Many evidences are listed in the Bible. Also, there are many evidences that are listed in the Bible to which if you simply hold to the covenant, you will receive many great answers. The representative figures are 7 Remnants. There is nothing else. This is it for you. You are being deceived if you are looking after a different answer. You must come to the answer to this. This is the Gospel. You must put in the spiritual work. In the end, it will work out. If you look at in the past, you will be able to see that it will be taking place. May this blessing be upon you. May you live by the covenant. May you place this inside of your thought and continuously think of it throughout the week. And then all the problems you face will be resolved. It is for Jacob; he just asks God to resolve the problems rather than holding to the covenant. That is why he had no choice but to wrestle with the LORD.

1. We must live by the covenant.

The first point we will look at is we must live by the covenant. Today's scriptures speak about Jacob who is in the midst of prayer as he wrestles with the LORD to receive blessing from God. The LORD touch upon his hip socket. And why did that occur? Because God's people must live by the covenant, but he did not do so. There is nothing that God needs to change. It is us that need to be changed. Even though Jacob was the person of the covenant, he did not live by the covenant, that is why God punished him. A person of the covenant must live by the covenant. That is an answer and a complete way for us. However, Jacob utilizes his own effort and counter measures. And that is why God had no choice but to touch his hip socket for him to come back to his state. And God is telling Jacob, "Why do you grumble on the people of the world when you should confidently and boldly stand before me as a person of God?" If you have no choice but to die, then face the death. Why are you begging to others? From the beginning, you are not a person who creep and crawl to Esau. Why do you try to resolve it? I desire to resolve it for you. With your level, how can you defeat the work of Satan? It is the message that God relays to Jacob. The start of Jacob was incorrect. Jacob either do not believe or know the birthright has already been given to him. He put in the actions that all in vain because of that. It does not make sense that you can sell and buy the birthright in stew. Jacob made Esau swear before him through a man's word. Is it possible for the birthright to be given

to him? And Jacob used his own method to deceive his own father to receive blessing and prayer. Is that even possible for him to do so to which you can gain the birthright? Jacob did not know the fundamental principle. His spiritual eyes are deemed. That is all in vain. He had no choice but to ran away and flee from his brother for 20 years. And he returned to his hometown. However, his brother, Esau was leading 400 men after him. He had no choice but to be defeated by Esau. That is why he wrestle with the LORD on that night. If he held on to the covenant, he would not have wrestle with God. 20 years passed, but his illness and spiritual problems were not healed. It does not make sense for a child of God wrestle with God. God should have automatically given us the blessings to His child. Jacob must be directly connected with God, but he fell into the conflictions. That is the evidence that his spirit was elsewhere. The prayer should be centered on the covenant, rather than receiving blessings. It would have automatically been resolved for him, and he had no choice but to wrestle with God throughout the night because of that. He had no desire to change himself he just wanted to receive blessings from God. However, Jacob received so many answers. He was a wealthy man to which receives at least answers. However, he was not satisfied inside of his heart. It is not the fact that he was not satisfied with answers, but he was not satisfied with the covenant God has given to him. He received so many answers, but the covenant inside of his heart would not taking place 100%. He was not enough with complete covenant that God has given to him. In another words, he did not come to the answer to the covenant. You must have the fundamental prayer of enjoying Christ as your covenant. We never know when that will take place. So, we must only do this until the day comes. You must stand as a person that is enough and sufficient with the covenant alone. Because that does not take place, you become anxious, wonder, and have no choice but to pray throughout the night like Jacob. Jacob was very frustrated with that. That is why he was anxious and in fear to meet his brother, Esau. He was concerned and in fear of his future. More that the faith that God will be at work when he meets his brother, he was more in fear and in anxiety. That is why we must know the covenant. You must be able to question yourself, 'What is the covenant of Jesus Christ to me?' The covenant is the answer. The covenant is the answer to all and to all problems that has occurred

because of the incident of Genesis 3. God has given you this covenant as the answer. He did not give you anything else. You must be sufficient and enough with this alone. Christ is the complete and perfect answer that you do not need anything else. He is the only answer and if you are holding onto different answer, then it will all be hindered. May you come to realize that you must be able to go to the end holding to this answer. And you must really conclude and resolve in your heart. Even if I die, I will die with this alone. That is why you must resolve in your heart. There are many resolutions that we need to come to. However, this is the fundamental resolution that you must have. Jacob may have known the covenant because the birthright was given to him. And he may have known that the birthright was given to him because he has allowed his brother to swear upon it and he was able to sell his stew to receive it. But if he simply acknowledges through that, then that is just a religious life. He may think that he received his God given birthright with his own efforts. He is just being played by Satan. He should have known that it is all the work of Satan only when he sees that all his efforts are in vain because God has already given to him. His nature of efforts and self-centeredness covered the covenant. That is why the covenant was not able to be utilized the power. That is why Jacob was in worry and he wrestle with God. That is why the nature of self-centeredness and your efforts is one of the many spiritual problems. May this week be you truly resolve your spiritual problems inside of God.

2. Israel

The second point we will look at is Israel. Even though Jacob had severe and deep religious life, God blessed him. Until the end, Jacob may not repent before God. But when Jacob meets Esau, there was no problem. In Genesis 33:4, Esau ran to meet him and embraced him. And not only that, but God also changed Jacob's name. It means that you were able to overcome God. It is not the fact that Jacob was able to prevail against God, but God allowed him to win. It is truly outstanding. There is no other reason, but the fact that he had the covenant. God touched his hip socket, but God allowed whatever Jacob to desire to take place. It is recorded in verse 29. This is our blessing and grace as well. Without that grace, it is impossible for us to even maintain the faith that God has given to us just like Jacob. God knows all things that will take place in advance to which he

prepares and gives all things. In Proverbs 3:5, it says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." It is rightful. And in verse 6, it says "In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." How is it possible that you can lean on your understanding? You must trust your LORD. And in all your ways you must acknowledge him. Then God will lead you. It is rightful. We must all be like this to which resolve in our hearts. You must resolve in your heart that in all things I will acknowledge the LORD. You must be able to live the life just like Daniel lived. And you must be able to live the life of Matthew 6:33. And you must hold to the covenant. You have no strength. Can you know your future? Can you overcome Satan? In the journey of the covenant and the journey of the sake of 237 nations, there will be no such thing that you need to wrestle with God. We must come to realize that this is the complete way that we must take. That is how you will go inside of the covenant. Then automatically God will be at work and you will be able to live a miraculous life. And most of us may not completely hold to the covenant. But God will bless us when we pray. Jacob prayed and God blessed him because he had the covenant. I believe that God will answer our prayers even though we are lacking. However, may you never forget that the greatest path is to enjoy the covenant. This is the path that will take place. In midst of time of enjoying covenant, confessing, and holding, peace will be inside of your heart, and God is the one who will answer you. May you once again confirm that this is the correct and right answer.