

Go Up to Bethel <Gen 35:1-15>

I do believe all the problems will be resolved during the time of the worship. I believe that great important healing will arise, and God's work will take place. That is why you must hold to the covenant as you give worship. May at be the time in which you hold on to the word of Christ as your covenant. Original sin has been derived because mankind has been slaved to Satan. That is the first sin that they have committed to which they broke the promise with God. Because the covenant has been broken, the protection from God has disappeared. When they hold to the covenant, God was watching over and protecting them against Satan. Because the covenant has been broken, they have no choice but to be enslaved to Satan. And regardless of whatever method that they may use, they can never come out of it because they are inside of the faith and destiny. You must continuously confirm that all problems have come because of this. That is how you will be able to meet God in the midst of the problems that you are in. That is how you will come to see that only Christ is the solution to your problems. May you once again confirm and confess it. This is important covenantal fundament. Mankind become the slaves to Satan. And there are those who which they go against God. However, it is merely their own thoughts, and the result will never change. When people are very young, they are in roaring spirits, but as time goes by, they tend to be disheartened little by little. In the end, they just keep it to themselves. And Niche was a renowned individual when he was young. He was an extraordinary figure. However, one day, a mental disease came upon to him, to which it cannot be resolved. And in the end, he cried out and yelled when he died. It is very drastic. He was a figure that was able to lead the ideology of the world at that time. But such a pitiful state he was dragged to along by Satan. No matter how renowned individual maybe it has nothing to do with us. We must be able to humbly accept God. We must be in thanksgiving of the Gospel God has given to us. The Gospel that God has explained to us is of Jesus Christ. By the death on the cross and the bled shedding, He was able to explain through you the works of Christ has. He is the King that has crushed Satan's head. He was one who Got rid of all the curses and disasters that came from original sin. That is the work of the priest. He is the unique way to meet God. And He is the prophet. He says, "I am the way." Only when you go to Jesus Christ, you will be able to meet God. That is why Jesus Christ explains that He is the King as he showed many miracles and answers. He explains that He is the priest and the prophet. There is nothing else that you need except for this. Everything is needed just for sake of you to come to realize this. May you carefully think of it, meditate on it, and plant it inside of your heart. May you question it and challenge it with covenant to which you can continuously plant it in your heart. When you do that, then you will be able to come to the answer. Then you will be the one who possesses the answer. You will become the one who possesses the answer to all problems in this life. It is

amazing! You must truly question yourself, "With Christ alone, will everything be resolved?" Because He is the one who crushed the serpent's head. And you must question, "Through Christ alone, is He truly the one that has gotten rid of all the disasters and curses?" You must question, "Is truly Christ the only solution?" If you cannot come to the answer, you must continuously question God. Then God will give you the answer one day. And is it possible to meet God for hours if I hold to the covenant of only Christ? He is the one who came as the prophet to do this work. You must be able to continuously think of it and question to yourself. God said this Gospel is the complete answer to your entire life. Then you must live by this alone. You really question yourself, "What am I living by?"

1. Build the Altar

The first point we will look at is "Build an Alter." If you look at verse 1, God gives 2 commands to Jacob. He says, "Go up to Bethel, dwell there, and make an alter there before God." It does not merely with him and build an Alter, God wanted him to dwell there. This has such a spiritual importance. If you look at Genesis 34, Jacob's daughter Dinah was defiled by the chief of Some tribe of the land. The chief of the land really loved Jacob's daughter, that is why he wanted to marry her. However, the sons of Jacob were truly angry and upset. That is why they came up with the skill their own method. They said that "We are the people of Circumcision. If you want to marry our sister, then you must be able to be circumcised." And because he was a chief of the land, he tells his people, "We must all be circumcised." Until the circumcision is healed, they must stay still. That is when Jacob's sons killed every male of that region. And they were in uproar. They killed him and his father. And they were able to bring back their sister. If you look at Genesis 34:25-31, it says, they quietly go and kill all the males. But not only that, they plundered all their goods. They took all their wealth. Even though a little one and all their belongings. They took all the possessions of the people and their wives. They were in an uproar. This was a great incident. Jacob was in fear because of that incident, but that is when God calls Jacob. The LORD tells him, "Just like you ran away from your brother, Esau, I want you to go to Bethel and build an Alter." That was the time in which he was able to truly make the confession before God. And that is when he puts away all the foreign gods that he had in his home. Not only his foreign gods, but also all those people who were residing with him, he took all idols all the way. And in verse 2, it says, "Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him." So, Jacob buried them under the great tree near Shechem and he clothes himself with new garments. Then, it became a time schedule which Jacob was able to build an alter before God. Jacob already knew what the blood sacrifice which given to God for. That is when he and his family was able to truly make the confession before God. I believe that in God's eyes, the attitude that Jacob had was perfect and complete for him. That is why God no longer recorded any of Jacob's story after Gen chapter 35. Even after that, he lived a long life. When Joseph became

the governor of Egypt, that is when he went to go down to see his son and he passes away after that. Maybe God has done speaking about Jacob through Jacob's story that is why he no longer records anything about Jacob. It means that Jacob has perfectly come back to God by holding to the covenant. The LORD is telling us that you must return to the LORD and build an Alter as well. This is the message that God give to us. God is telling us that you must get rid of all the foreign gods and clothes yourself with new garments and build an Alter just like Jacob has. You must approach me through prayer and worship with this heart. Then, I will no longer tell you what to do. And it is Godself who will do all things. That means everything is concluded. This is the conclusion of the Bible. We must like this as well. We must sincerely confess Christ and correctly know of Christ. And you must hold to that covenant. And with that name alone, you must give the covenantal worship and the covenantal prayer. Jacob just received the blessings, and that was it for him. Finally, he was connected to God's heart. The fundamental conclusion of the Bible is, if you restore the Gospel, then it will naturally take place. You will be able to see the miracles if you hold onto the covenant, and you can go all-in. And this is when all the miracles arose in Bible. May you be able to confirm it and do it as well. That is why we must have the nature of confessing the covenant. You must confess the covenant first. If your heart is hully with your own prayer topics more than confessing the covenant, then that is a religious prayer. It is the same when you come to the place of worship. You must be able to firmly hold to the covenant as you come to worship. What is the first prayer topic that you must give to God as you sit within this church building? You must make the confession that "Jesus is my Christ today." Are you praying for all your prayer topics that you desire to receive from God? That is why we call it "A Religious Prayer". You must make the confession God you are my Christ today even though I am lacking today. That is why I have been set free from all curses. The gate of hell can never overcome me. I never be defeated because I am the church that has been built on the rock. You must make this confession centered on the 3 works of Christ. Because God has given us Christ as an answer. And rightfully so, you must live your life centered on Christ. Then what will happen if you don not? Then God will endlessly speak of His words to you. There are times that you have no choice but to wrestle with the LORD throughout the night. It is incorrect that even a child of God must wrestle with God throughout the night. May this be the time that you come to the answer of Christ once again. May the grace be upon to you to which your spiritual eyes will be opened for you to go in depth of it.

2. Dwell there

The second point is to dwell there. In verse 1, it says, "Go there, dwell there, and make an Alter." I believe that there was piece inside of Jacob's life after this. But before that, he should have faced a lot of conflicts. But as he lice this life inside of Bethel, he builds an Alter before God, that was it for his life. So, Bethel became the personal promised land for

him. Their promised land at that time was Canaan. However, Bethel was the personal spiritual promised land for Jacob. God is specifically working though us even now. Bethel is a land in which Jacob would never forget. On that night, when he was running away from his brother because he was in much fear, the LORD appears to him. It states in Gen chapter 28. That was when the ladder from Heaven came down. And the LORD speaks to him. In Gen 28:15, "Behold, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." This is the words that God speaks to Jacob who was in fear. How was it for Jacob at that time? This is Jacob's heart of Bethel at that time. But we must also have our own personal promising land. It is the age of the Gospel and the age of the spirit. And rightfully so, you must be able to have your own personal spiritual land. That will become your personal covenant God has given to you. Inside of Christ, there must be a specific land that God has given to you. That will become your personal covenantal land. For those who are living for the sake of evangelism, God will give them the personal covenantal land. And you may think that that is far distance from you. And at times, it may seem has nothing to do with you. But this promising land is God's absolute plan. So, hold onto it and pray. It is not our business whether it is going to take place or not. That is God's unchanging plan. So, you must pray for it. And when you pray for it, little by little, it will draw near to you. You may have question will it ever take place because it is so far distance from you. And you may have question how can this truly anything to do with me? But that is not the case. When you continuously pray, then that will draw close to you. One day, God will allow that to become your covenant. This is the pray that you must pray for. This is your walk of faith. You will become the person of the covenant along with that. And you will be able to have your own personal covenantal land from there. You will receive the personal covenant that God has given to you. And that will become your deep and fundamental prayer. You will come to see that you have a prayer from there. And that is the content to which you must challenge for. That is when we say that person has the answer. That person will live by that answer. This amazing work has been promised to us. There is only one reason to it. Because you are inside of the Gospel. This land will be given to those who are inside of the Gospel and who are living for the sake of the Gospel. Rightfully so, you must be able to enjoy the authority of the Gospel. May you begin with personal confession. You can make the confession even if you may not fully believe in it. If you continue the confession, you will be able to believe and enjoy. When you confess it, then God will give you the authority to which God will give you the personal land for you as well. That is how you will become a person of prayer. You will become the person who enjoys it. This will become the sure and accurate weapon that will be able to overcome all. I bless you in the name of the LORD that you will be overflowing with this blessing. May this be your covenant once again.