

“He sent”

God said to him: “Your name was Jacob. No longer will your name be Jacob, for your name will be Israel.” So He named him Israel. Genesis 35:10



In this Parsha, Jacob struggles with “divine beings and man”, and he prevails. Now he is no longer just the deceitful Jacob who we see trying to get the best of things, but rather he is the Jacob that has wrestled through his struggles. He was changed through it all both physically with a limp, and spiritually with a new name and a mission as the father of the 12 tribes of Israel.

He hasn't seen his twin brother since the blessings and birthright matter, and he fears for his family's life in this meeting with Esau, after having run away with both the birthright and blessing. And yet he faces his struggles, wrestles, prays, prepares gifts, makes a plan for dividing his family into two camps for precautions, and comes through his journey with the blessing confirmed and with a new name. Ready to walk —albeit with a limp from the wrestling — into God's great spiritual purpose for his life and the nation of Israel.

The beautiful verse in the Psalms (91 v. 11) says that “He will give His angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.” May we make El Shaddai (Gen. 35:11, Psalm 91:1) our dwelling, our refuge. And wrestle through the challenges and say and know fully with all our heart and soul that He is “My God, in whom I trust.” (v. 2). The one who overcomes, will even receive a new name! (Revelation 2:17)

Praise

So we, Your people, the flock of Your pasture, will praise You forever. From generation to generation we will recount Your praise. Psalm 79:13

For ADONAI has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel as His treasured possession. Psalm 135:4

For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, making peace through the blood of His cross—whether things on earth or things in heaven! Colossians 1:19~20

He brought me out to a wide open place. He rescued me because He delighted in me. 2Samuel 22:20, Psalm 18:20 (19)

Confession

Search me, O God, and know my anxious thoughts, and see if there be any offensive way within me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23~24

Thanksgiving

Do not be anxious about anything —but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the shalom of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Messiah Yeshua.

Philippians 4:6~7

Intercession

May seek the LORD and His strength.
May seek His face continually. 1Chronicles 16:11

Deliver from his/her enemies, my God! Set
..... on high, away from those who rise up against him/
her. Psalm 59:1

The LORD will protect from all evil. He will guard
.....'s life. The LORD will watch over 's
coming and going, from this time forth and forevermore.
Psalm 121:7~8

Send forth Your light and Your truth.
Let them guide Psalm 43:3

May 's trust not rest on human wisdom, but
on God's power. 1Corinthians 2:5

May store up for him/her selves treasures in
heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where
thieves do not break in or steal. May he/she understand that
"where your treasure is there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:20~21

Children, guard yourselves from idols. 1John 5:21



Teachers

The LORD is near to all who call
upon Him, to all who call upon Him
in truth. Psalm 145:18

Schools

"Get rid of the foreign gods that
are among you. Cleanse
yourselves and change your
clothes." Genesis 35:2

Congregation

Happy is the one who endures
testing, because when he has
stood the test, he will receive the
crown of life, which the LORD
promised to those who love Him.
James 1:12

Israel

But on Mount Zion there will be
deliverance, and it will be holy.
Then house of Jacob will
dispossess those who
dispossessed them.
Obadiah 1:17

Behold, the Keeper of Israel
neither slumbers nor sleeps.
Psalm 121:4

Now My eyes will be open and My
ears attentive to the prayer offered
in this place. For now I have
chosen and consecrated this
House so that My Name may be
there forever. My eyes and My
heart shall be there perpetually.
2 Chronicles 7:14~16

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem—
May those who love you be at
peace! Psalm 122:6

Blessing to go

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:21
