



DGM Message Title: A Dream and A Vow

Series/Theme: Inside Information

Message Summary: Jacob dreams of a ladder between Heaven and Earth and makes a vow to give God a tenth of all of his wealth if God would be with him and keep him.

Scripture References (NKJV):

- Genesis 28

Key Points:

- Jacob chose a hard place instead of dealing with the compromise of the Canaanites.
- We need boundaries in place to protect and keep us.
- Genesis 31:40 – Laban
 - He cheated his brother and Laban cheats him.
 - God will bring people into our lives to act as a mirror.
 - Don't realize the effect we've had on others until someone has that effect on us.
- I'd rather live under an open heave in a hard place than apart from God in goose down.
- Jesus likens Himself to the ladder.
- He is the Way. He is the only mediator between Heaven and Earth.
- God has numerous covenants. They don't nullify the old.
- Jacob talks to himself. – Praise and worship.
- Jacob turned stone into monument.
- God, if you will remain with me and keep me safe – THE VOW
- Jacob worshipped emotionally and mentally, but he insisted on worshiping God practically.
- Jacob makes the offer of his tithe.
- He was under no obligation.
 - It was the way you thanked the king.
- Jacob invited God to become his business partner. And God said YES!
- Jacob's response was honest and heartfelt.
- He responded properly.
- He left home with only a staff but returned with too much to carry.
- We don't tithe because we have to, but because we get to.
- See the tithe as an opportunity to make God your partner and unleash the blessing of Jacob.