

**February: 01**

## **Israel**

**Scripture to read: Genesis 31, 32**

When Jacob was deep asleep he had a dream. In the dream an angel of God told Jacob to “Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives”, after twenty long years Jacob returns back to his native place. On the way, he got reminded of his brother Esau. In great fear of Esau, Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. Along with which he sent his servants with gifts of few camels with their young, cows, bulls and donkey to give it to his brother Esau. He did this in order to find favor from his brother. The angel told Jacob who was praying the whole night that “he has to go, for it is daybreak.” But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” Then the angel blessed Jacob and said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel. In the next day of the travel, Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; when Esau saw Jacob, he ran and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him and expressed his love.



My dear little ones did you'll notice, the love of these brothers. They forgave each other by forgetting their hatred and built their relationship. Are you lovable towards your siblings and friends? Jesus our father in heaven has told us, no matter who has wronged you but you should always do good to everyone. Jesus was the only reason for a good bonding between Jacob and Esau. Did we not read in the above passage about how Jacob prayed the whole night? Yes children, Prayer alone brings victory. Don't we read very often in the bible about the God of Israel? Let us also follow the good nature of that Israel (Jacob).

**So, Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.” Genesis 32:30**

### **Prayer:**

The God of Israel is our God too. Lord bless us and protect us just like you blessed and protected Israel. In Jesus blessed name we ask and we pray. Amen



Jacob Wrestles with God

Genesis 32: 3 - 33: 7