

Is the LORD Your God?

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“And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of” (Genesis 28:15—KJV).

“Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you” (Genesis 28:15—NRSV).

When the LORD met Jacob, He said that He was the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac. The LORD did not say that He was the God of Jacob, because Jacob had not acknowledged that the LORD was his God and he had not acted as though the LORD was his God. The LORD did tell Jacob that He would fulfill all of His promises to Abraham and Isaac through him. He would give the Promised Land to him and his descendants; He would make his descendants as numerous as the dust of the earth, and He would bless all the families of the earth through his descendants.

We know from history that God fulfilled His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and He fulfilled His promise most notably through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah, one of their descendants.

The LORD also gave Jacob a more personal promise; though Jacob was fleeing from his angry brother, the LORD would be with him, protect him, and bring him back to the Promised Land. In response to God, Jacob told the LORD that if he would keep His promise and bring him back to his father’s home in peace, “then the LORD shall be my God” (Genesis 28:21). God did all He promised and Jacob made the LORD his God; therefore, when God met Moses, the LORD said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:6).

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Thinking Further

1. How did God identify himself to Jacob? Why should this way of identification be important to Jacob?

2. What did the LORD promise Jacob? Why was this promise important?

3. What did the LORD say He would do specifically and personally for Jacob?

4. How did Jacob describe the place where God met him? How would you describe the place where you meet with God?

5. What did Jacob promise God?