

Be Not Unequally Yoked With Unbelievers – 24 Apr 2005

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Turn to genesis 28th chapter please from the 10th verse: And Jacob went out from the Beer-Sheba, and went toward Haran.

11. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13. And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD god of Abraham thy father, and the god of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed.

14. And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in you and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15. Behold, I am with you, and will keep you in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken to you of.

16. Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

17. And he was afraid, and said, how dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of god, and this is the gate of heaven.

Now, you know that in this context or place, Jacob was fleeing the wrath of his brother Esau. He was putting geographical distance between himself and Esau. Now Esau had gone against the word of god. He had married those strange wives and god rejected him. Now when we see in the scriptures, this rejection, then we must know that there is also the fore knowledge of god. There were some people in the past who used to say how do I know if god has chosen my son or not? And If I should pray for my son it might be against god's election. God may have rejected him so what is good my praying.

See my dear friends so many perversion in Christian doctrine invaded many parts of the western world till it became a kind of artificial, polemical. You know religious wars, polemical, where there was real hatred. We see that Christianity today has got some water type compartments. You wouldn't have such compartments in a zoo but you have them in Christian circles. Now listen, if you are going to do anything at all for god let us get humbler and humbler and humbler. That's the only way. Now never mind if somebody tells you I belong to this church you know or I sing in this church and that's the greatest. No. the moment you think you are the greatest, you have lost it. You have simply lost it. It will be riddled with adultery. Mark you dear friends, take any church which claims to be the greatest, we have got the doctrine, the right doctrine of the holy spirit, I'll tell you, seven devils worse than the first have already entered you. And so you can see, anything goes. Now listen folks, we are not going to call such places the church of Jesus Christ. The blood bought, spotless bride of Jesus Christ. You can't call them that. Now as I was saying, Esau went into these marriages with these heathen girls and the bible tells us which were a grief of mind unto his parents, Isaac and Rebecca. You know these hasty marriages today. Marriages in the permissive will of God, not the perfect will of God. Marriages that are contrary to what God has said be not unequally yoked with unbelievers. Marriages of calculation, you know I am shocked when people began to calculate, do you know if you will be living tomorrow? No. And you want to tell me, possibly that girl has got some decease or something or marriage has come to the level of mere convenience and human comfort and security and money. What is the good of such a marriage? Or it is entered into on the basis of lust and what can come out of something which is born of the flesh? My dear friends, Listen, now all these things may not have been before you and that stage in life and you failed god, you failed in obedience but there is a price to pay for that. And I am afraid it's a very heavy price. The lord retrieving the irretrievable, so it's there. God used John Wesley inspite of his ill-judged hasty marriage and of course he was so great that he could tide over such a handicap. But normally it is not easy, not at all. For instance I could never have placed myself in the shoes of John Wesley because when you are hit hard at home, it is very hard to prosecute a warfare outside. It's very hard, humanly speaking. The measure of Wesley's greatness can be seen in this that he did not even seek to defend himself when his own wife accused him of all kinds of things and wrote to the newspapers, he would not say anything in his own defense, My! What greatness? Now when Esau put himself out of the main stream of the blessing and Jacob did not find it in himself to resist the temptation of grabbing it. You know there are many grabbers today, opportunists and Jacob was an opportunist. See our world is full of opportunists, you know if there is a girl who is helpless there are people who just sees on such a situation. Oh how dreadful it is? There it is, opportunists.

You know God's children go through the discipline of learning to wait. My! The hardest thing in my life is to wait. Sometimes in a doctor's office or dentist office you are made to wait you know.... It's very annoying but I suppose we are willing enough to wait on a doctor, wait on a dentist but we are not willing to wait on god. See friends, Grabbing, ceasing your opportunity as people say, sometimes people come and tell me hey brother if you let this go you won't get it. I say if god wants us to have that piece of land for his work he'll keep it, Faith. We don't see very much faith. There was an intense desire to take from his brother the blessing of Abraham whereas Esau is casual about it. What good will my birth right do me if I die, give me your potage. You see folks, so easily Esau could sell his birth right. Now don't Isolate Esau as the only one who is capable of such a thing. Not at all. You will see that again and again when it comes to the crunch between money and god, money wins. It's terrible. You see and Jesus said no man can serve two masters. The lord stood above it and said I am the LORD god of Abraham thy father and the god of Isaac, the land where thou liest to thee will I give it and to you seed. And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, to the east and to the north and to the south and in you and in thy shall all the families of the families be blessed. Behold I am with you and will keep you in all places whither thou goest and will bring you again into this land for I will not leave you until I have done that which I have spoken to you of.