

God Wants to Lift You – 050105

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Turn to genesis 28th chapter please. And Jacob went out from beer-Sheba, and went toward Haran.

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.

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.

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.

The Lord gives this revelation of a ladder set right near his head, set up on the earth and the top of it reached to heaven. And, behold, the angels of god ascending and descending on it. Dear friends, you know that people were watching very carefully at the last retreat when the crowd was so great whether I could stand the test of the retreat and the time that I needed to spend on the platform, preaching. Now by the grace of god and the prayer of a vast army of people the lord sustained me. How amazing that to a man like Jacob, god was reaching out. See he reached out to me in my weakness again and again and here is god reaching out to Jacob, promising him such amazing blessing, in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Now look there may be people here who would characterize themselves as Jacob's doubles. You may say Lord I am a Jacob alright and if Jacob was promised that in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed, what about you? What are you anticipating? It is very disappointing that we talk about an almighty god but expects so little from him. There is a time of apprenticeship; there is a time of waiting. There is a time of inner preparation. But there is also a time of exploding with the blessing. Why don't we ever come to the time when we explode, we can't contain it? You know you will find in Mr. Finney's life and Moody's life and so on when they felt constraint to say Lord hold

it, hold it, I can't take anymore. Such was the power that was poured upon him. But do we want such power? Or do we want the power of money? You know it is very sad, the culture around us is getting us. No. It should never get us. The values around us should never get us. We have far greater values, enduring values and we should not allow our focus to get deflected. You know friends; this kind of spiritual intensity in seeking cannot be bypassed. But at great price! You can't ignore it, you can't dismiss it. As just such as a retreat feeling and just something which this strange preacher preaches. You know today what is wrong with people? They just satisfied with their activity. I am not. Let me tell you that. They are satisfied with their activity. I want the activity of god. I want god at work. I want the thoughts of god. Here god was trying to lit Jacob to focus upon the potential which was before him. You know we need to get our focus right, we need to get our goals right. Some people seem to live without any goal, all the goal they have is to make some money and get some degrees and some such thing. That's about it. Build a house, get a mortgage, get something else, buy something else, that's it. You know it gives me great sorrow when I see multitudes without an adequate message, life lime being thrown to them. You know I have always found when the word of god is hammered in, whatever the hardness of the place but you know it's like a hammer upon the head of a nail. It has got to come down on the right spot, again and again and again. Christians don't have that perseverance today. They just say oh the retreat is over, fine. There's no goal, there's no go about them. No pursuit of an eternal goal. So that is why I tell you my dear friends you cannot live in a place without having a burden for that place. Your soul will go dead if you do so. You can't live in a place and just make some money like lot did. You will be a pillar of salt. If you don't take up the burden then why are you here at all? See this business of advantage, get this, get that. Get wisdom says the bible and with all your getting, get wisdom. That's what the bible teaches. But today oh how many illegal immigrants. You know nobody can seal all the borders and what is all they rush about? Of course it's an economic situation in the whole world. So we are living in a very competitive world and certainly god is able to bless you at your jobs. But what is your real potential? Is it only bread on the table? Just think of myself as getting satisfied with the thought I am putting bread on the table which I didn't really do, it was

lord who did it. I didn't do it. You see I didn't know where the bread would come from and I wasn't there to buy it either. If that was all that I had thought about what a miserable person I would be. Just reflecting on my own life. In you shall all the families of the world be blessed. My! If god can say that about Jacob, he can say that about you. He can say that about me. So we have every reason to get hold of god. And say lord here's another Jacob and you want to open wide your heart to Jacob and unfold him your great purposes, here I am whatever your great purpose or whatever your purpose, skirting the cross, evading the cross, that comes naturally to us. Who likes a little bit of suffering? There is a little bit of suffering. But I have always said for my burden is light you know the yoke of the lord is easy and his burden is light. But he refers to it as a yoke and he refers to it as a burden. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me. My dear friends, don't be afraid about this yoke of the lord, it might appear hard you know that's why it is so important that a person should be very careful in much because I see selfishness involved today. So much greed and selfishness, oh I can't see how Christian values can be so easily thrown out when it comes to one of the most vital questions in a person's life. I tell you my dear friends; I would rather marry a beggar who loves the lord with all one's heart than a princess who does not have that desire and commitment to do the will of God. May god bless you.