



11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

Topic: Securing God's Favor
Chapters: Genesis 28:10-35:15 Sep. 28th, 2022

Central Text: Genesis 35:1-4, NKJV, 1 Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother." 2 And Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "**Put away the foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments.** 3 *Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone.*" 4 So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hands, and the earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree which was by Shechem.

Securing God's Favor:

1.Begins With Commitment - Genesis 28:10-22

Question For Dialogue: People do favors for individuals where there's an established relationship. We can even experience joy and satisfaction when sacrificing in order to do a favor for someone we love. **Why do people expect favor from God when they don't want to have a relationship with Him?**

2.Continues With Obedience - Genesis 29:1-14

Question For Dialogue: *Proverbs 20:24, AMP, 24 Man's steps are ordered and ordained by the Lord. How then can a man [fully] understand his way?* We don't like obeying God when we don't completely understand His requests, even though we know that we can never fully understand all of God's ways. **What are some reasons Satan desires us to make decisions whether to obey God or not based solely on our comprehensive understanding?**

3.Gives Enduring Strength - Genesis 29:15-30, Genesis 31:7

Question For Dialogue: The thing the Enemy designed to destroy us can be the very thing God desires to use to fulfill our life's purpose. **What type of mindset is required to see all apparent negative things, as potential positive things for God's glory and our good?**

4.Requires Purity - Genesis 31:13, Genesis 35:1-15

Personal Question : An idol is anything we put more attention into than God. Idols can even be good things that we either overindulge in or allow to get out of their proper boundary. What idols have tempted you the most lately and why?