

Homeward Bound

Genesis 35

At long last Jacob (now Israel) was headed home where he belonged. In Bethel Jacob could renew his fellowship with God again.

- I. Jacob was _____ in his obedience (1-3a)

- II. Jacob was _____ in his obedience (2-3a)

- III. Jacob was _____ in his obedience (2c-d, 4)

- IV. Jacob was _____ in his disobedience (3b, 5)

- V. Jacob was _____ to worship in obedience (6-7)

- VI. Jacob was given _____ upon his obedience (9-12)

These incidents teach us that the most precious favors of heaven often come to us, not in the form of blessings or promises entirely new, but in the repetition or revival of those which we have already experienced in times past. And so, on the other hand, it may be that the most acceptable manner in which [we] can serve God will be, not by engaging in something unattempted before, but by 'doing our first works,' by reminding ourselves of our covenant vows, and seeking anew that spiritual communion which is the life of our souls.

- George Bush