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JACOB PRAYED FOR & RECEIVED FORMER RAIN BECAUSE HE HEARD OF COMING PERSECUTION | “STUDY TO SHOW...” PART 11

1. What did Jesus say to His disciples? John 14:6 _____
2. Where can we find the way of Jesus? Psalm 77:13 _____
3. Note: There are seven biblical feasts in the sanctuary service, namely: Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Pentecost, Blowing of Trumpets, Day of Atonement and Tabernacles.
4. What title was given to Jesus after His resurrection? 1 Corinthians 15:20,23 _____
5. Note: In the time period of Moses, grains from the plant kingdom comprised the Firstfruits.
6. During the time of the first advent of Jesus, who did the Firstfruits represent? 1 Corinthians 15:20,23; James 1:18 _____
7. Note: The feast that occurred 50 days after the feast of Firstfruits was called Pentecost. Pentecost was also the time of harvest. Read Leviticus 23:10,15,16,22 and Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4.
8. Note: In the time period of Moses, the harvest that occurred 50 days after the Firstfruits was comprised of food from the plant kingdom.
9. During the time of the first advent of Jesus, who did the harvest represent? Matthew 9:36-38; Luke 10:2,5-7 _____
10. What did Jesus instruct the disciples to wait for in order to be His witnesses and preach the gospel to the earth and reap the harvest of souls? Acts 1:4,8 _____
11. What event precedes the final harvest of souls and usher in the second coming of Jesus? Revelation 14:9,10,14-16 _____
12. What element in nature is a symbol of the Holy Spirit? Isaiah 44:3 and John 7:38,39 _____
13. What is water synonymous to in scripture? Job 36:27; Job 5:10 _____
14. What are the two phases of the rain? What are the two stages of the Holy Spirit's work? James 5:7 _____
Deuteronomy 11:14 _____ Joel 2:23 _____
15. Note: The former rain was poured out on the Day of Pentecost to gather in the harvest of souls and to begin the Christian church. Compare Acts 2:16,17 with Joel 2:28. Bear in mind that Peter said that the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was a fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel. Peter added the words, “last days.” The phrase “last days” implies that there will be a latter rain, the final outpouring of the Holy Spirit in these end times. In other words, **Pentecost will be repeated.**
16. Note: While there was the former rain at a specific time in history, individuals must receive the former rain and latter rain in their lives.
17. Who will receive the former rain and latter rain and be ready for harvest? Jeremiah 5:24 _____
18. What does the first angel's message say that we must do in order to be ready for the harvest in verse 15? Revelation 14:7 _____
19. Note: **The first angel's message produces the rain.**
20. What does it mean to fear God? Proverbs 8:13 _____
21. What will cause the former rain and latter rain to be withheld from us? Jeremiah 5:24,25 _____
22. Note: At this point in our study, we will focus more deeply on the former rain experience. **The former rain experience is growing spiritually and getting victory over sin.**

23. Which of the two rain, the former or latter rain, is represented in the following scriptures? Isaiah 30:23 _____
Job 38:26,27 _____

24. What occurs once the water, the rain, the Holy Spirit falls upon the seed which represents us? Isaiah 44:3,4 _____

25. Note: **Spring up** means to bud, to sprout, to germinate, to begin growth, according to Job 38:26,27. This is the former rain experience.

26. What happens to an individual who receives the former rain that is revealed in Isaiah 44:3,4? Isaiah 44:5 _____

27. Note: Jacob's experience represents the former rain condition. **Read Genesis 32:27,28.**

28. Fill in the blanks. Genesis 32:28, "...For as a prince hast thou _____ with God and with men, and hast _____.

29. Who grants us power? Acts 1:8 _____. Jacob received rain, the prevailing power from the Holy Spirit.

30. What did Jacob testify and say? Genesis 32:30 _____

31. What says Matthew 5:8 _____

32. What was Jacob found doing in that night of anguish? Genesis 32:24-26 _____

33. **Who did Jacob fear? What did Jacob hear that was coming** that led him to pray to God for the blessing of the rain, the power of the Holy Spirit? Genesis 32:6-8,11 _____

34. Fill in the blank. Genesis 32:26, "And he [Jacob] said, I will not let thee go, except thou _____ me.

35. What primary blessing does the Lord have for us? Isaiah 44:3 _____

36a. Meditate upon the following statements.

As the Sabbath has become the special point of controversy throughout Christendom, and religious and secular authorities have combined to enforce the observance of the Sunday, the persistent refusal of a small minority to yield to the popular demand will make them objects of universal execration... As Satan influenced Esau to march against Jacob, so he will stir up the wicked to destroy God's people in the time of trouble...If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. {GC 615.2} {GC 618.2}

36b. Jacob's night of anguish, when he wrestled in prayer for deliverance from the hand of Esau (Genesis 32:24-30), represents the experience of God's people in the time of trouble...Having sent his family away, that they may not witness his distress, Jacob remains alone to intercede with God. He confesses his sin and gratefully acknowledges the mercy of God toward him while with deep humiliation he pleads the covenant made with his fathers and the promises to himself in the night vision at Bethel and in the land of his exile. The crisis in his life has come; everything is at stake. {GC 616.2} {GC 616.3}

36c. The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger--a faith that will not faint though severely tried. The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that time. Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His victory is an evidence of the power of importunate prayer. All who will lay hold of God's promises, as he did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. Those who are unwilling to deny self, to agonize before God, to pray long and earnestly for His blessing, will not obtain it. Wrestling with God--how few know what it is! How few have ever had their souls drawn out after God with intensity of desire until every power is on the stretch. When waves of despair which no language can express sweep over the suppliant, how few cling with unyielding faith to the promises of God. {GC 621.2}