

**STAIRWAY
TO
HEAVEN !**

GENESIS 28 : 1-17

*Our God is in heaven;
he does whatever pleases him.*
Psalm 115: 3 NIV

“Well... I Think”

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- ¹³ *"I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.*
- ¹⁴ *Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.^[b]*
- ¹⁵ *I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."*

Unbelievable-

Shocking

Disgraceful

We- Demand...?

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But-why?

❑ In your opinion ... who should God bless and who should He punish?

God should bless those who do “right” and punish those who do “wrong”

❑ What was Jacob **doing** before the stairway- experience ?

was he seeking the lord with all of his heart or simply on route to find himself for a wife ?

❑ What did Jacob **do** to *earn* or *deserve* the blessings (v13-15) ?

NOTHING !

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HE DOES WHATEVER PLEASURES HIM.

PSALM 115: 3 NIV

- God should bless “**only those**” ... who do what is right



- But where does that leave you & me?

Disqualified

- Does that verse work **for** or against us?

OUR STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN !

- ⁴ But God is so rich in mercy; he loved **us** so much ⁵ that even though we were spiritually dead and doomed by our sins, he gave **us** back our lives again^[a] when he raised Christ from the dead—only by his undeserved favour have we ever been saved— ⁶ and lifted **us** up from the grave into glory along with Christ, where we sit with him in the heavenly realms—all because of what Christ Jesus did.
- ⁷ And now God can always point to **us** as examples of how very, very rich his kindness is, as shown in all he has done for us through Jesus Christ.
- ⁸ Because of his kindness, you have been saved through trusting Christ. And even trusting is not of yourselves;^[b] it too is a gift from God.

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Ephesians 2:4-8

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Blessing Jacob was the wrong thing to do

Think whatever you want... but I'll decide for myself

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