《天路导向》双语讲义

恩典的描绘(三)

PORTRAIT OF GRACE - Part 3

SECTION A

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- 1. Hello, listening friends. 亲爱的朋友,你好。
- 2. We are so glad that you have joined us today. 非常高兴你能收听今天的节目。
- 3. We are in the midst of a series of messages about God's grace. 我们正在播出的是一个讲述神恩典的系列信息。
- 4. We are calling this series, "Portrait of Grace;" 我们称之为"恩典的描绘"。
- 5. and, today, we'll be looking at Genesis, Chapter 28, verses 10 to 22. 今天,我们将要学习的是创世纪 28 章 10 到 22 节。
- 6. You know, my listening friend, if you traveled the world over, as I have done, you see broken people everywhere. 亲爱的朋友,如果你和我一样曾到世界各地旅行,你到处都会遇到伤心失意的人。
- 7. Rich and poor alike, they all get sick and die. 富人与穷人一样,他们都会生病和死亡。
- 8. They all go through loss and pain of all kinds; 他们都会经历各样的损失和痛苦:
- 9. but what I want to tell you is that those times can be times of blessing; 但我想告诉你的是,这些时刻可以成为蒙福的时刻:
- 10. and, in today's message, we find Jacob broken and alone with God. 在今天的这段信息中,我们看到雅各落魄的时候与神单独在一起。
- 11. He has a stone for a pillow and the stars for a blanket.他以石头为枕,以星空为被。
- 12. He has the hard ground for a mattress and no mother to look out for him. 他睡在坚硬的地面,没有母亲在一旁照料。

- 13. He has no business to attend to and no scheming to occupy his attention.
 - 再没有什么事情让他动脑筋筹谋参与的。
- 14. He is in the wilderness all alone with God in Bethel; 他在伯特利的旷野与神单独在一起;
 - but I don't want you to miss the way Co
- 15. but I don't want you to miss the way God deals with His broken children.这里我想请你留意,神如何对待祂受伤的儿女。
- 16. You will have expected God to appear to Jacob in the wilderness and say to him, "You are a miserable sinner.
 你也许认为,神在旷野向雅各显现会对他说: "你这个糟糕的罪人,
- 17. You conspired with your mother to deceive your father.

 你与母亲一起合谋来欺骗自己的父亲。
- 18. You have missed your opportunity and I cannot use you any more. 你已经失去了机会,我不能再使用你了。
- 20. Is that what the Bible said? 圣经上是这么讲的吗?
- 21. No. 不是的
- 22. The way God deals with us when we are broken is not to punch us in our wounds. 当我们受伤的时候,神对待我们的方法不是在伤口上再打一拳。
- 23. The way God deals with us when we are down is not to kick us.当我们跌到的时候,神对待我们的方法不是再踢一脚。

- 24. The way God deals with us when we are burdened with guilt is to pour out His grace. 当我们受压于罪疚感之下时,神对待我们的方法是将衪的恩典倾倒在我们身上。
- 25. Today, I have a word from the Lord to all those who are either broken or heading for brokenness. 今天,我要对那些受伤或即将受伤的人们讲一句从神而来的话。
- 26. I want to tell you three things that you must never forget about your Bethel experience. 我想告诉你,在经历你的伯特利的时候,请记住三点:
- 27. First, rejoice when you are in your Bethel experience. 首先,当你经历伯特利的时候要喜乐:
- 28. Secondly, respond immediately to your Bethel experience; 第二,对你所经历的伯特利要马上作出响应;
- 29. and, thirdly, remember to return to your Bethel often.
 - 第三,记住要常常回想你所经历的伯特利。
- 30. What do I mean when I say, "Rejoice when you are in your Bethel?" 那么,我所说的"当你经历伯特利的时候要喜乐"是什么意思呢?
- 31. Because, most often, Bethel is the only place where God can get your attention. 因为,很有可能,伯特利是唯一能让你注意到神的地方。
- 32. Because, most often, Bethel is the only place where you are not distracted by other things. 很有可能,伯特利是唯一能让你不被其它事情搅扰分心的地方。
- 33. Because, most often, Bethel is the only place where you are ready to hear God; 很有可能,伯特利是唯一能让你聆听神说话的地方;
- 34. so, if you view your Bethel experience positively, 因此,如果你能积极地来看待你所经历的伯特利,
- 35. you will see it as an opportunity to encounter the living God. 你就会把它看成一个遇见永生神的机会。
- 36. You will not see your hardship as a place from which you want to flee, 你不会想逃脱这个困境,

- 37. but a place in which you encounter the living God.
 而是把它看成一个遇见永生神的地方。
- 38. For most of us, our natural reaction when we get into our Bethel experience is to cry out to the Lord, "Get me out of this! 大多数人,当我们经历我们的伯特利时,本能的反应就是向神哭求:"把我解救出去吧!
- 39. Lord, do something and do something quick! 主啊,做点什么,快做点什么吧!
- 40. Lord, find me a way out!" 主啊,给我找一条出路吧!"
- 41. Instead, ask yourself, "Why am I here in my Bethel?" 然而,你应该问自己:"为什么我会落在伯特利这个地步呢?"
- 42. Because there are dreams that God wants to give you, but they can only be received in Bethel. 那是因为神要托梦给你,只有在伯特利,你才能收到。
- 43. There are blessings that God wants to communicate to you, but they cannot be communicated when you are on top of the world; 神要赐福给你,但当你处于世界的顶峰,这些福分就无法送出:
- 44. and that's what He did with Jacob; 这就是神在雅各身上所行的;
- 45. and, oh, what a dream God gave Jacob in Bethel! 神在伯特利给了雅各一个多么奇妙的梦啊!
- 46. Do you remember the story of the tower of Babel? 你还记得巴别塔的故事吗?
- 47. There, the Babylonians wanted to reach God; 当时巴比伦人想要寻找神;
- 48. and they were busy building a tower to the zodiac that would connect them to God. 他们忙着建造了一座观星相的高塔,认为这样他们就可以与神相通。
- 49. They were busy working, trying to get to God their way; 他们努力建造,想要按自己的方式到达神那里;
- 50. and we call it, the "Tower of Babel;" 我们称这个塔为"巴别塔";

- 51. but, here, God builds the stairway to Heaven for Jacob.

 而在这里,神为雅各建造了一个通往天堂的梯子。
- 52. God reaches down and reveals Himself to Jacob. 神亲自下来,向雅各显现。
- 53. God manifests His glory to Jacob. 神将祂的荣耀向雅各显明。
- 54. My listening friend, God is the One who is always reaching out to us. 亲爱的朋友,神一直都愿意主动来接触我们。
- 55. God is the One who's always seeking after us. 祂是那位一直在找寻着我们的神。
- 57. If you are frantically trying to find God, 如果你正急切地想要寻找神,
- 58. if you are praying and praying and not sure that God is hearing your prayer, 如果你不断地祷告,但不确信神是否在听你的祷告,
- 59. my advice to you is this: 我给你的忠告是:
- 60. calm down so that you can hear the gentle voice of God calling you, 冷静下来,这样你才能够听到神轻声的呼唤,
- 61. so that you can see the hand of God reaching down to you, 这样你才能够看到神向你伸过来的手,
- 62. so that you can feel the presence of God. 这样你才能够感受到神的同在。
- 63. He may be speaking to you today through this broadcast. 神也许今天就要透过这篇信息跟你说话。
- 64. In Jacob's case, when all of his scheming and maneuvering was over, 对雅各来讲,当他用尽了自己所有的谋算和努力,
- 65. God reaches down to Jacob in the lowest point of his life and gives him a glorious dream; 神在雅各处于生命谷底的时候临到他,赐给他一个荣耀的梦;

- 66. and, when Jacob wakes up from the incredible dream, or vision, 当雅各从这个不可思议的梦或异象中醒来的时候,
- 67. he concludes, in Genesis 28:17, that this is an awesome place. 他在创世纪 28 章 17 节总结到,这是一个令人敬畏的地方。
- 68. "This is no other than the house of God. This is the gate of Heaven..." "这不是别的,乃是神的殿,也是天的门。"
- 69. and that is why he calls it, "Beth-el." 这就是为什么他称之为"伯特利"。
- 70. "Beth" means "house," and "el" means "God;" "Beth"代表殿, "el"代表神;
- 71. and, then, he sets up an altar and worships God. 然后,他就筑坛敬拜神。
- 72. This vision is nothing less than a vision of Jesus Christ, who was to come. 更重要的是,这个异象就是关于耶稣基督将要降临的异象。
- 73. This is a vision of Jesus Christ, who's the only Stairway to Heaven. 这就是耶稣基督的一个写照,祂是通往天堂唯一的梯子。
- 74. What a privilege for Jacob to have in the wilderness! 雅各在旷野得到了何等大的特权!
- 75. He receives the confirmation of Abraham's blessing.
 他接到了神对亚伯拉罕赐福的确认。
- 76. and he is assured that the Messiah will come through his descendants.
 他被告知,弥赛亚将以他后裔的身份降临。
- 77. In John's Gospel, when Andrew brought Nathaniel to meet Jesus, 在约翰福音中,当安得烈带着拿但业来见耶稣时,
- 78. Jesus told him about Jacob's stairwell to Heaven. 耶稣跟他讲述了雅各所梦到的通往天堂的梯子。
- 79. What is Jesus saying? 耶稣是在讲什么呢?
- 80. Jesus was proclaiming that Jacob's vision was fulfilled in Him, 耶稣是在宣告,雅各看见的异象,已在耶稣身上应验了,

- 81. that Christ is the blessing that God spoke about to Abraham and to Isaac and to Jacob; 基督就是神对亚伯拉罕、艾萨克和雅各所应许的赐福;
- 82. so, my friend, rejoice in your Bethel, because there is your special blessing.
 因此,亲爱的朋友,当你经历伯特利的时候要喜乐,因为那里有神给你特别的赐福。
- 83. Jacob responded to God's revelation to him. 雅各对神的显现作出了回应。
- 84. How did he respond? 他是如何回应的呢?
- 85. He responded tangibly. 他作出了明确的回应。
- 86. He responded in self-commitment. 他用自己的承诺来响应。
- 87. He responded with taking concrete steps to express his attitude of gratitude. 他用具体的步骤来表达自己的感激之情。
- 88. Many of you, my listening friends, have been eternally saved through Jesus Christ; 亲爱的朋友,许多人因着耶稣基督而在永恒里得到了救赎:
- 89. and many of you are thankful that your sins are forgiven. 许多人为着自己的罪得赦免而感恩。
- 90. Many of you are thankful for the fact Jesus died on the cross to save you and to forgive your sins; 许多人感谢神,因为通过耶稣在十字架上受死,祂拯救了你,并赦免你的罪;
- 91. but what most of us often forget is to always thank God for His salvation. 但我们大多数人常常忘记的是,要不断地感谢神所赐的救恩。
- 92. We often take that awesome gift of God for granted. 我们常常把神所赐的这份非凡的礼物当作是应得的。
- 93. Jacob said, "I will give ten percent of all that God will put in my hands back to God." 雅各说: "凡神所赐给我的,我必将十分之一献给神。"
- 94. Remember, this was 400 years before the Law of Moses was given regarding the tithe. 请记住,这是发生在摩西颁布什一奉献律法四百年以前的事情。

- 95. Now, I want you to think about this, my listening friend. 亲爱的朋友,现在,请你想一想。
- 96. Jacob is going to give something back. 雅各打算要回报神了。
- 97. All of his life, he had been a taker. 他的一生之中,雅各一直都是一个索取者。
- 98. All of his life was characterized by "give me, give me, give me." 他的一生是不断地叫嚷"给我,给我,给我"的一生
- 99. All of his life was characterized by selfish ambition; 他的一生是充满了个人野心的一生;

SECTION B

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- but, now, at Bethel, he has been transformed by the power of God. 但是,现在,在伯特利,他被神的大能所改 变。
- 2. Here, at Bethel, he responds to the grace of God by being a giver and not just a taker. 在伯特利,他对神的恩典作出了回应,成为了一个给与者,而不再仅仅是索取者。
- 3. Generous giving is always in response to the grace of God. 慷慨的给与常常是出于对神恩典的回应。
- 4. Generous giving is in response to the God who meets you in your Bethel. 慷慨的给与常常是对神在伯特利与你相遇的回应。
- 5. Generous giving is always in response to the generous grace of God that He heaps upon you—that He heaps upon us—again and again; 慷慨的给与常常是出于对神不断倾撒在你我身上的丰盛恩典的回应;
- 6. so, rejoice in your Bethel. 因此,当你经历伯特利的时候要喜乐。
- 7. Respond to your Bethel. 回应你所经历的伯特利。
- 8. Thirdly, remember to return to your Bethel often. 第三,记住常常回想你所经历的伯特利。
- 9. Jacob's Bethel experience did not transform him into a super spiritual man over night, 雅各在伯特利的经历并没有在一夜之间,把他转变成一个属灵伟人,

- 10. for he fell back into his old habits, as we will see in the coming messages. 正如我们将在下面的信息里所看到的那样,他又回到了从前的老习惯中。
- 11. The process of becoming like Christ every day is a process.要想每一天更像基督的样式,需要一个过程。
- 12. Every day, you and I are faced with temptation. 每一天,你和我都会面临试探。
- 13. We often find ourselves in the same old territory that we thought we have left a long time ago. 我们常常发现自己仍旧停留在,自以为早已脱离的老地方。
- 14. We often find ourselves drifting into doubt, discouragement and depression. 我们常常发现自己正陷入怀疑、失望和沮丧之中。
- 15. Those are the times when we must return to our past Bethels again and again. 这些时刻,我们必须回到从前所经历的伯特利。
- 16. Those are the times when we must return to those places where we have experienced God before, 这些时刻,我们必须回到从前经历神的地方。
- 17. those places where we have encountered God before, 在那些地方我们曾遇见过神,
- 18. those places where we have seen that God moved mountains in our lives, 在那些地方我们曾见到神将我们前面的大山挪开,
- 19. those places where we have seen God answer prayers.
 在那些地方,我们曾见到神应允了我们的祷告。
- 20. You must keep on going back in your memories to those places.
 你一定要不断地在自己的记忆里回到那些地方。
- 21. There is no doubt that during the tough times that Jacob faced in his life, 毫无疑问,当雅各在生活中面临困境时,

- 22. he returned to Bethel again and again in his mind and in his spirit.
 他一次又一次在自己的心中和灵里回到了伯特利。
- 23. My listening friend, I'm about to conclude, so, please, listen carefully. 亲爱的朋友,在我进行总结的时候,请留心听。
- 24. As I said in the beginning, your Bethel experiences need not be negative. 正如我在一开始所讲,你所经历的伯特利不一定是负面的。
- 25. The Bethel experiences in our lives are supposed to be touchstones for us. 我们生命中所经历的伯特利,应该成为我们生命的试金石。
- 26. They are supposed to be defining moments. 它们应该成为具有决定意义的时刻。
- 27. They are supposed to be landmarks which we remember deeply and can return to. 它们应该成为里程碑,让我们牢记并可以回到那里。
- 28. When we face times of brokenness in our lives, 当我们面临生命中的伤痛时,
- 29. we need to remind ourselves that the God who helped us once will help us again. 我们要提醒自己,那位曾经帮助过我们的神还会再来帮我们。
- 30. The God who met us then will meet us again, 那位曾经遇见过我们的神还会再来见我们,
- 31. that the God who blessed us then will bless us again, 那位曾经赐福给我们的神还会再来赐福我们.
- 32. that the God who gave me a dream then will confirm it again and again. 那位曾经托梦给我们的神还会再来应验它。
- 33. Rejoice, respond and remember, 喜乐, 回应并且牢记,
- 34. so that your Bethel experience will bring you to new heights of love and appreciation for your gracious Lord.
 这样,你所经历的伯特利就会把你带到一个

对神更加感激和爱戴的新境界。

35. Until next time, I wish you God's richest blessing.愿神大大地赐福你们,下次节目再会!