Sermon Notes **Providence Community Church**

5-22-22 Ken Carlton **Title:** BETHEL REVISITED

Main Text: Genesis 35:6-15 --worship text: Psalm 14--

Aim: TO REMEMBER WHAT JACOB NEVER FORGOT AT BETHEL...

Sermon Description: Today's text recounts another life changing moment for Jacob in 'Bethel' – a place he named: "The House of God". It is here where he set up his first pillar (28:18) which had doubled for a pillow as he dreamed of the gates of heaven flung open to extend a stairway to earth with Yahweh at its head and the exiled son at its foot. 20 plus years later, Jacob is directed to return to this place of covenant revelation. True to form, God visits him again, this time to confirm His covenant to the limping patriarch. The experience is so moving, that Jacob takes it with him all the way to his deathbed where we find a few of his last words reserved for recounting the Bethel promises as he confers the legacy of covenant sonship to the next generation (48:1-4). Jacob has named various places along the way that bear some significance to his life and calling. In this chapter he assigns 3 names: 'El-Bethel', 'Allon-Bacuth', and 'Bethel'-- this final location is a place he had originally named in chapter 28 when he was fleeing his brother's murderous intentions. 'Bethel' becomes a memorial for the continuity of covenant promises reaching back to his grandfather Abraham. Many other similarities are evident in this encounter recalling previous visitations. Commentator Albert Barnes explains why: "At Bethel, he renews the change of name, to indicate that the meetings here were of equal moment in Jacob's spiritual life with that at Penuel. It implies also that His life had been declining in the interval between Penuel and Bethel, and now had been revived by the call of God to go to Bethel." At Bethel we find Jacob face to face with God once again...

Heading: COVENANT RENEWAL & CONFIRMATION AT BETHEL...

1. VISITATION OCCASION (Gen 35:1-8)

a.) Consecration b.) Altar construction c.) Location & loss

2. THE SOVEREIGN REVEALED (9-11)

a.) Condescension b.) Covenant name (Rev 3:5,12:8,17:8,20:15) c.) Cultural mandate (1:28,9:1,17:20,28:3)

3. PROMISES CONFIRMED (11b-13)

a.) A people & a kingdom (17:3-8) b.) Land promise c.) Ascension (17:22) (Phil 2:6-11)

4. JACOB'S SUBMISSION (14-15)

a.) Pillar memorial (28:18, 31:45,35:20) b.) Offering (Rom 12:1) c.) Name: Bethel (Rev 11:15)

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FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**
Theme: Occasion	Theme: Revelation	Theme: Promises	Theme: Submission	Theme: Before & After	Theme: Next week
Verses: Gen 35:1-8	Verses: 9-11	Verses: 11-13	Verses: 14-15	Verses: Gen 17:3-8, Rev 11:15	Verses: Gen 36:16-29