

Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob receives God's blessing

32:22The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

32:23He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

32:24Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

32:25When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

32:26Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

32:27So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

32:28Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."

32:29Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

32:30So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved."

32:31The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

I shall see your face

17:1Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

17:2From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

17:3If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

17:4As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

17:5My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

17:6I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.

17:7Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

17:15As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Romans 9:1-5

The glory of God's people in Israel

9:1I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit--

9:2I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

9:3For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood.

9:4They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;

9:5to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus feeds 5000

14:13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

14:14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

14:15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

14:16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

14:17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

14:18 And he said, "Bring them here to me."

14:19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

14:20 And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

14:21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children