THE GATE OF HEAVEN  
Genesis 27:41-28:22

Main Thought  For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Tim 2:5).


1. Negatively — caused by the painful results of sin (41-45).
   - Bitterness (Heb. 12:14-17) — the bitter root of revenge.
   - Separation (Isa. 59:2) — Rebekah’s little while was 20 years! She would never see her son again!
   - Death (Rom. 6:23) — they might both be killed (Esau by God?).

2. Positively — resulted in finding his wife (46-28:9).
   - Rebekah & Isaac (26:35) — disgusted with Esau’s wives (46).
   - Isaac agreed with his wife’s and father’s concern (1-5).
   - Esau became wise (Num. 14:40; Matt. 25:11) too late (6-9).

JACOB’S DREAM (10-22).

1. A Significant Dream (10-12).
   - God often used dreams to communicate in the OT (Heb. 1:1-2).
   - The stairway remind us of reaching God (11:1-9).

   **JESUS IS OUR STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN** (John 1:51; 1 Tim. 2:5).

   - God reminds you of his faithfulness when taking a difficult (31:40) detour (Dt. 31:6; Josh. 1:5; 1 Sam. 12:22; 1 Chron. 28:20; Matt. 28:20).
   - Angels play a great role in our lives (Psa. 103:20-21; Heb. 1:14).
   - This was God’s first of five personal encounters with Jacob.

   - He worshiped his awesome God at the house of God (Bethel) — the gate of heaven (John 10:9; Rev. 3:20).
   - He memorialized his personal encounter with God by anointing his pillow with oil — symbolizing the pouring out of his life in devotion to God (Phil 2:17; 2 Cor. 12:15).