

Pastors Thoughts of the Week

Pertinacity

Genesis 32:26: And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh.

And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

Jacob was spending a sleepless night contemplating the inevitable outcomes of the next day when he would be confronted by his vengeful brother. Esau had been storing up wrath to avenge the stolen birthright and to wrestle from his conniving brother the inheritance that had been deceptively denied him. Sixty-five years only intensified his desire for revenge as his murderous designs festered in his heart.

Jacob could only elude his adversary for so long. And so on this eve of destruction the Lord meets him at Mahanaim and engages with him in a divine wrestling match affording to him the comfort of certain success on the morrow and to us a sublime lesson on importunity in prayer.

We children of the king are as weak as Jacob and as he "not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed". We are taught here to cling tenaciously to the author and finisher of our faith. When we have spent all our energies and ingenuities and find ourselves enervated to the point of exhaustion, there is nothing left in us but to cling to the power of our omnipotent God. The Lord delights in our resignation. For as surely as we will not let go of Him, so assuredly He will never let go of us.

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.

I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine oceans depths its flow.

May richer fuller be.

Let us then take solace in the illustrated truth. No matter the direness of your immediate struggle as Jacob did, so must we take hold of the arm of the Almighty and never let go until the blessing is secured.

Have a blessed week,

Pastor

Faith cometh by hearing: and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17