

“I have enough, my brother...”

***Introduction:*** Genesis 33 closes out the strife between Jacob and Esau (other than a brief reference to separation of their families in 36:6-8). It is about God ending the strife between two brothers, but only after the godly brother had wrestled with God. In this gracious reunion, Jacob's gifts to Esau demonstrate to Esau that Jacob indeed was the rightful heir of the blessing of Isaac, and Esau's favor to Jacob demonstrates to Jacob that God heard Jacob's prayer (32:11) and delivered him from the hand of his brother. Genesis 33 also shows Jacob re-entering the promised land boldly in the face of the Canaanites.

### **I. Jacob's REUNION with Esau (33:1-11)**

A. Notice the repeated words:

1. BOWED DOWN (4x)
2. FAVOR (2x)
3. PLENTY (2x)
4. FACE (3x)

B. Notice disposition of ESAU.

C. What is meant by the “FACE of GOD”? (33:10)

1. Genesis 32:30 = DELIVERANCE.

### **II. Jacob's SEPARATION from Esau (33:12-17)**

A. Some thoughts:

1. Is Jacob being deceptive or PROTECTIVE?
2. Jacob and Esau cannot be YOKED together.

### **III. Jacob's JOURNEY to Canaan (33:18-20)**

A. Succoth = to tend to his FLOCKS.

B. Shechem = to re-affirm the PROMISE. (Genesis 12:6-7)

1. The Altar named *El-Elohe-Israel* = God, the God of Israel
  - a) Genesis 28:13; 32:9