

## **Bible Study 6 - Why does my Father care for me and how do I respond?**

Read Genesis 32:9-12

1. What had God said to Jacob?
2. Why had Jacob left his home? (see Genesis 27:41-45)
3. How much did Jacob have when he left home?
4. Why had Jacob divided his people and animals into two groups? (Genesis 32:7, 8)
5. What were some of the blessings the Lord had given Jacob during his twenty years away from home working for his Uncle Laban? (Genesis 31:17, 18)
6. What does Jacob call himself in verse 10 to confess his unworthiness?
7. How did Jacob's previous behavior prove that he in no way deserved God's help? (Genesis 27:36)
8. Nevertheless, what had the Lord shown toward Jacob?
9. What does he ask from the Lord in verse 11?
10. Is praying for God's help a way that we can show our thanks to him?
11. What promise had God made to Jacob?
12. Write down the words or phrases from Jacob's pray that fall into these categories:
  - a) Confesses that he did not deserve God's help
  - b) Praises God for who he is or what he's done
  - c) Thanks him for his blessings
  - d) Makes a request of God
  - e) Holds God to his promises
13. Using words from the 1<sup>st</sup> Article (Catechism, p. 4), answer the following.
  - a) List blessings from God to give thanks for.
  - b) Praises God for who he is
  - c) Confesses that we are unworthy of these blessings
14. Write your own prayer using your own words but follow the pattern of the five parts from Jacob's prayer (Question 13). Use another sheet if necessary.