

73. Jacob Wrestles With God

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.

Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel (means: struggles with God), because you have struggled with God and with men and have over." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" The he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel (means: face of God), saying, "It is because I saw God face to face and yet my life was spared."

The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

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ACROSS	JABOK	SONS
ALONE	LIMPING	SPARED
ATTACHED	LONGER	STREAM
BLESSED	NEAR	STRUGGLES
CROSSED	NIGHT	TENDON
DAYBREAK	OVER	TOUCHED
ELEVEN	OVERPOWER	TWO
FORD	PENIEL	WIVES
HIP	SOCKET	WRESTLED