

"And Jacob Awaked Out Of His Sleep, and he said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.' And he was afraid, and said, 'How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the House of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven.'" Genesis 28:16-17 KJV



Jacob was running from danger, because he had deceived his father and stolen his brother's blessing. Sleep halted his steps, God Met with him, and he was afraid. He built an altar and called it "Beersheba," The House of God. As he left, he forgot the God of "The House of God," and continued his conniving deceitfulness as "Jacob," the supplanter, not understanding that God's presence cannot be left behind. Men scurry about trying to escape the consequences of some ill-planned scheme or action until they finally arrive where God Stops them. Believers do their "worship thing," scurry away, and resume plans, thinking, "God is pleased, now," and never consider that God still accompanies their journey. "What? know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost, Which Is In you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" God never goes away, because wherever "away" is, He's Already There. Where you sleep; where you eat; where you work; where you play; and where you pray; when you laugh at TV immorality; or when you are alone and frightened, He Is There. "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy Presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou Art There: if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou Art There. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea: Even there Shall Thy Hand Lead me, and Thy Right Hand Shall Hold me. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me;' even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee." We think of Church buildings as God's House, and verily, He Is There when His Children gather. It is where God meets with assembled believers, anointed by the Presence of the Holy Spirit in those who gather, because Jesus Said, "For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, There Am I in the midst of them." As we scurry back to OUR way, there is no "place" where He is not. At the store, the neighbor's house, grandmother's house, the city, or another country: He Is There! The entire universe cannot contain God! Building an altar and worshipping, does not excuse or remove you from the Presence or Watchful Eye of Eternity's Sovereign! He Wants to Care For And Protect you. Stop helter-skelter, frenzied effort! You can't move AWAY from God's Presence, but you can move INTO God's Presence through constant prayer and meditation. Like a friend, "Draw nigh to God and He Will Draw Nigh to you."

Awake! O dreary heart and soul,
And leave the pain of evil's toll!
Return your weary feet to fold,
And let the Shepherd make you whole! –CGP

God is no one's co-pilot! If you control your life, you fly alone! God Does Everything Himself! "I Am The Lord, and beside Me there is no other. For Mine Own Sake, Even For Mine Own Sake, Will I Do It: for how should My Name be polluted? and I Will Not Give My Glory unto another." It's time to "awake" and start acknowledging the Control And Presence of God in Creation! Most believers are like fidgety children on a long trip. It's time to "Be still!" And realize and know the very Presence of the God Who Is!

"Come, behold the Works of the LORD, what desolations He Hath Made in the earth. He Maketh Wars To Cease unto the end of the earth; He Breaketh the bow, and Cutteth the spear in sunder; He Burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I Am God: I Will Be Exalted among the heathen, I Will Be Exalted in the earth. The LORD of Hosts Is With us; the God of Jacob Is our Refuge. Selah." Psalms 46:8-11 KJV