



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Genesis 28:10-22 Application**

1. We never know when we might have a life-changing encounter with God. By believing in His Word and obeying His commands as we follow Jesus, we prepare ourselves to recognize and receive God when He speaks to us (most usually through our reading the Bible with the Holy Spirit's help).
2. We may not see angels as they truly exist in their glorious appearance, but they do help believers in Jesus in both recognizable and unseen ways. Angels are "ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation" (Hebrews 1:14).
3. We must test all spirits and ideas from whatever source to be certain what they teach is according to or consistent with the Bible. In John 4:1 we read, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world" (see 1 John 4:1-3).
4. The LORD promised Isaac that his descendants would be blessed, and they would bless all the families of the earth, and they did through Jesus. God's blessings to us can also bless others. We can always share the blessing of knowing Jesus and Bible truths with others.
5. When we recognize how much God has done for us, the Holy Spirit within us will inspire us to glorify God and gladly give what we can to serve God and others. In 2 Corinthians 9: 7-8, we read, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

### **Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes**

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