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Intro:

we should be excited to invite people to Easter service

Problem:

Rev 3:14-17

how do we become lukewarm?

no one plans for it

somehow we go from being on fire to overly familiar

we need to know why

look at Jacob

Main Idea:

Behold Israel

Behold Jacob

Behold Isracob

Implication:

Its war to walk in the Spirit

Application:

don't coddle little compromises

Articles for further study:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/how-to-fight-lukewarmness>

<https://www.spurgeongems.org/vols46-48/chs2802.pdf>

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Text:

Behold Israel

Gen. 33:1 ¶ And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants.

Gen. 33:2 And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all.

Gen. 33:3 **He himself went on before them, bowing** himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

Gen. 33:4 ¶ But **Esau ran** to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

Gen. 33:5 And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

Gen. 33:6 Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and **bowed** down.

Gen. 33:7 Leah likewise and her children drew near and **bowed** down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they **bowed** down.

Gen. 33:8 Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor in the sight of my lord."

Gen. 33:9 But Esau said, "**I have enough (rav - much), my brother**; keep what you have for yourself."

Gen. 33:10 Jacob said, "No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing **the face of God**, and you have accepted me.

Gen. 33:11 **Please accept my blessing** that is brought to you, because **God has dealt graciously with me**, and because **I have enough (kol - everything)**." Thus he urged him, and he took it.

Gen 32 (Jacob in the back - Israel in the front = God fights)

James 5:16-18 (confession is for your good)

1 Pet 3:7; 4:7 (God opposes the proud)

1 Jn 4:19-20 (hardened to His love)

Eph 4:31-5:2 - walk in love because you are loved)

Behold Jacob

Gen. 33:12 ¶ Then Esau said, "Let us journey on our way, and I will go ahead of you."

Gen. 33:13 But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail, and that the nursing flocks and herds are a care to me. If they are driven hard for one day, all the flocks will die.

Gen. 33:14 Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir."

Gen. 33:15 ¶ So Esau said, "Let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

Gen. 33:16 So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

Gen. 33:17 **But Jacob journeyed to Succoth (back across the Jabbok and north), and built himself a house** and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

2 Cor 12:7-10 (Jacob forgot about his hip - thorn so not conceited)(written AD55)

Rom 7:13-8:1 (present tense verbs - written 2 years after 2 Cor- the thorn wasn't enough)

-why is victory so often followed by defeat (Noah flood- drunk, Peter satan)?

-why is it so hard to stay on track?

-we refuse to stay on our knees - we forget our condition every time)

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Gen. 33:18 ¶ And Jacob came safely to the city of **Shechem (directly west 20 miles from Jordan)**, which is in the land of Canaan, on his way from Paddan-aram, and he camped before the city.

Gen. 33:19 And from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, he bought for a hundred pieces of money the piece of land on which he had **pitched his tent**.

Gen. 33:20 **There he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.**

Gen 31:13 -> 35:1-6 (delayed and partial obedience (a day from bethel) + altar = lukewarm)

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Rev 3:18-22 (lukewarm is fought with zeal but repentance is the real issue)

- the problem is not loving lukewarmness
- being content with casualness
- satisfied with some self righteousness
- being happy with half-heartedness

Implication:

2 Cor 10:4-5 (every un-captive thought is naturally rebellious

- Satan does not whisper believe in me - he whispers believe in yourself)

Gal 5:16-26 (walking in spirit is not a struggle it is a war)

Application:

Col 2:1-8 (captivated from repentance - how can you tell?)

Col 3:1-4:1 (to be a good spouse, parent, child, servant, master is not a struggle but a war

- don't coddle little compromises, don't accept them as normal
- kill them they are your enemies and they will kill the joy of full obedience in the Christian life
- zeal and repentance are the holy habits of a faithful fighter walking in the Spirit)