

Ascend Or Descend

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“And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know”, John 14:4.

Jesus, in the above Scripture, is pointing to His Ascent to His Father’s Throne in victory, not descent into despair.

One statement that I hear is quite often “My life does not seem to have much purpose!”

God, in the garden of Eden, gave Adam a set of directions regarding His ordained plans’ mans’ existence on earth

Four thousand years later, He sent His Son in the image of a man, not only to intervene in man’s misguided ideas, but also that He was waiting for man to be obedient to His original plans.

Without the keys of knowledge and desire to be obedient, we cannot release our fath, or our hope for eternity in His Presence.

Consider Jacob. He stole his brother’s birthright. He lied, claiming he was his brother. He deceived his father with the use of animal skins.

He fled from the family home. He went to a relative’s house. Satan had started Jacob on a path of descent, and was intent that Jacob should stay on that path. His future father-in-law cheated him, not giving him the woman he thought he had married, but her sister.

To marry the woman he loved, he had to pay extra through his work.

He found the keys of knowledge and desire, and unlocked the door of faith and hope.

Jacob was given the understanding that unless he changed his ways, he would ultimately destroy his life, He did the work demanded of him. The work he did for himself, God blessed.

He made plans to return to his original birthplace, and reaching a point in his journey, he spend a night seeking God. He saw angels, using a ladder, ascending to Heaven – they were showing him he was now ascending the path God wanted him to take.

Ladders are used to ascend to greater heights. The higher we climb the ladder of God’s Will for our lives, we can see more of the gifts God has for us.

The further we ascend the ladder, the further away we get from the descending path.

Thus Jesus had to descend from Heaven as a man, that man might ascend to God as a REDEEMED SINNER.