

Jacob's prayer in Genesis 32.9-12 and echoes from earlier in Genesis

<p>And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O YHWH who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good'</p>	<p>If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been on my side... (31.42)</p>	<p>Then YHWH said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your ancestors and to your kindred, and I will be with you." (31.3: <i>the only Word from YHWH to Jacob while in Laban's country</i>)</p>
<p>I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan; and now I have become two companies. Deliver me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him; he may come and kill us all, the mothers with the children.</p>	<p>Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then YHWH shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you." (28.20-22)</p>	<p>"Blessed be YHWH, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. (24.27)</p>
<p>Yet you have said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted because of their number.'</p>		<p>I will indeed bless you [Abraham], and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. (22.17)</p>