

**Genesis – “Bethel!! Ho-o!!”**  
Genesis 35

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Life *w-h-a-c-k-s* us from both sides! Sometimes we make poor choices, sometimes we just “out-‘n-out” sin and we are often humiliated! Jacob uses a specific word for his son’s deception, slaughter and looting of the Shechemites . . . “odious”! Odious ~ horrible ~ abhorrent ~ detestable ~ how about “heinous!” What are some of the heinous acts which we have seen in our nation’s history? . . . . There are many instances on our national stage and on the world stage!

Now, how should/will we respond to those who such acts?

**Context:** *Jacob is humiliated and sees himself and family as a vulnerable and odious people-representative of the LORD, Adonai, his Master! He will be at the mercy of the inhabitants of the land! What should he do NOW? Where can he hide? How can he liberate them from this horrendous shadow? Alas and sadly, he can do N-O-T-H-I-N-G !*

Genesis 35:1

Vs.5-7

Vs.8

Vs.9-15

Vs.16-20

Vs.21-22

Vs.23-27

Vs.28-29

*El, El Elyon, Jehovah, El Shaddai, El-Elohe-Israel, El-Bethel . . . He takes us . . imperfect . . odious . . and He alone accepts us and is willing and able to love us, use us and remain faithful to us!*

*“God desires people who are big enough to be small enough to be used by Him.”*

1 Peter 5:6,7

*How about you?!! Will you . . Seek? Follow? \_\_\_\_\_?*

*What part of this passage “caught your attention”?*

*Is God saying something to you? What is it?*

*How will you respond?*