

# Everywhere the Gate of Heaven

by John Henry Jowett

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*God's presence is everywhere, and we can access Him through prayer, confession, and the help of ascending angels.*

**Scripture:** Genesis 28:16, Psalm 139:7, Hebrews 4:13, James 4:8, 1 John 1:9

**Topics:** "Gods Presence", "Prayer Mercy"

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## Description

John Henry Jowett preaches about Jacob's encounter with God in an unlikely place, highlighting how God is present everywhere, even in the darkest moments of our lives when we may try to forget Him. Jacob's realization that 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not' serves as a reminder that God's presence is constant and that there is no corner of the earth cut off from His vigilance. Despite our shortcomings and sins, there is always a way for us to reach God through prayer, confession, and seeking His mercy.

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## Transcript

"\_Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not.\_"

--GENESIS xxviii. 10-22.

That is the first time for many a day that Jacob had named the name of God. In all the dark story of his wicked intrigue the name of God is never mentioned. Jacob wanted to forget God! God would be a disturbing presence!

But here he encounters Him in a dream, and in the most unlikely place.

"And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place!"

Jacob had yet to learn that there is everywhere "a ladder set up on the earth and the top of it reaches to heaven." There was a ladder from the very tent in which he wore his deceptive skin. There was a ladder from the secret place where he and his mother wove their mischievous plot. There is

no corner of earth which is cut away from the Divine vigilance. God gets at us everywhere.

But there is a merciful side to all this. If the ladder be everywhere, and God can get at us, then also everywhere we can get at God. There are "ascending angels" who will carry our confessions, our prayers, our sighs and mournings, to the very heart of the eternally gracious God.

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