

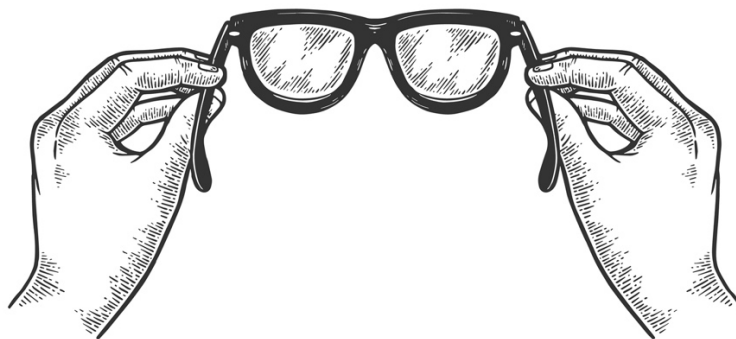
Parshah Insights 2021

Parshah: Vayishlach

(Genesis 32-36)

Psalm 119:91

They stand this day according to Your ordinances,
for all things are Your servants.



Isaiah 44:24-25

Thus says Adonai, your Redeemer, and the One who formed you from the womb,

“I, Adonai, am the Maker of all things,
Stretching out the heavens by Myself,
And spreading out the earth all alone,
Frustrating the omens of boasters,
Making fools out of diviners,
Causing wise men to turn backward,
And turning their knowledge into foolishness...”

Isaiah 45:5-7

“I am Adonai, and there is **none else**. Besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is **none else** besides Me. I am Adonai, and there is **none else**, the One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating evil. I am Adonai who does all these things ...”

אֵין עוֹד
(*ein od*)

**The God we embrace in the light
is the same God we fought in the dark.**

Hosea 12:3

In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his strength he **contended** with God.

שרה
(sarah)

Israel
ישראל

The wrestling match changed Jacob in two ways:

- a) Hip dislocated → Limp
- b) Name changed → Israel

All of our wrestling with God is
a struggle to know His name.

I AM

“Jabbok” = “Empty out”

יבק = 112

אלהים + י-ה-ו-ה
86 26 = 112

400 Men + Esau = 401

תן = 401

Genesis 33:10

And Jacob said, "... for I see your face as one sees the face of God..."

Genesis 48:2

When it was told to **Jacob**, "Behold, your son Joseph has come to you," **Israel** collected his strength and sat up in the bed.

Discussion Questions:

- What are you "wrestling with" now in your life? How can you win the contest?
- If God is as sovereign as Isaiah describes, do we then not have free will?
- If God changed Jacob's name to "Israel", why is he still so often called "Jacob"?
- What lessons do you derive from 32:32-33?

NOTES:

Deuteronomy 4:39 :”Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that Adonai, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.”

Isaiah 45:15-16 Truly, You are a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, Savior! They will be put to shame and even humiliated, all of them. The manufacturers of idols will go away together in humiliation.

Isaiah 45:20-25 “Gather yourselves and come. Draw near together, you fugitives of the nations. They have no knowledge, who carry about their wooden idol, and pray to a god who cannot save.²¹ Declare and set forth your case; Indeed, let them consult together. Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, Adonai? And there is no other God besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior. There is none except Me.²² Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is no other.²³ I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness and will not turn back, that to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.²⁴ They will say of Me, ‘Only in Adonai are righteousness and strength.’ Men will come to Him, and all who were angry at Him shall be put to shame.²⁵ In Adonai all the offspring of Israel will be justified, and will glory.”

Genesis 33:10 And Jacob said, “No, please, if now I have found favor in your sight, then take my present from my hand, for I see your face as one sees the face of God, and you have received me favorably.”