

A Letter from Jacob Bar-Isaac

Matthew 5:1-7:28, Matthew 15:29-39, John 3:1-21

I. Jacob's early life

He wants to love the Lord, his God with all his _____, all his _____, and all his _____.

He found that trying to make his will conform to God's was a _____.

II. First encounter with Jesus

"For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

Jacob loved and served the Lord, but this was not _____!

Jacob started to see how often we fail to keep _____.

III. Second encounter with Jesus

Jacob sees that Jesus is full of _____ and _____.

Jacob learns that no one is _____ enough to _____ God.

IV. Jacob's talk with a friend

Jacob learns that no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is _____.

"No one has ever gone into heaven except the One Who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:13-16)

His friend says, "Ask the Lord to _____ you to understanding."

Jacob learns that belief in God's Son is what gives _____.

V. Jacob's invitation

Let's _____.