

Alford - "Take the message the Lord has given you... and pray it back to Him. That's one great secret of keeping your prayers alive and fresh."

## PRAYER AS PETITION

Gen 32: 1-12, 22-30 How do you pray for yourself?

Intro: A method -

Alford in Moody Monthly - Feb. 1963 (Calvary BAPT., NYC).

Bonar (1810-1892), pp. 69, 141, 142.

This is the fourth in the sequence:

ADORATION

THANKSGIVING, ~ PRAISE

CONFESSION

PETITION

INTERCESSION

In Jacob's prayer you have:

### I. Adoration

A. By recognizing who He is. What He has been is no comfort unless He is the same.

B. By his obedience to God's will (cf Gen 31: 3, 13).

II. Humiliation - Oh, how God longs to hear this from each of us, BUT FROM OUR HEARTS.

Cf. Moses - Ex. 3: 11

Job - 42: 5, 6

John the Bapt - Jn 1: 23 - voice

Peter - a sinful man Luke 5: 8

Paul - chief of sinners 1 Tim 1: 5

### III. Petition:

Divine me - Simple, direct

I am afraid

27 - not worthy to untie his shoes

IV. Faith - If anything happened to Jacob, God could not fulfill His Word to him. (over)

Cond: Periel - Jacob needed to be  
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next year in ch. 33.