

GENESIS 30; January 30; Jacob Cheated by Laban

ANALYSIS:

1. Why was Jacob's anger kindled against Rachel? _____
2. What was Rachel's confession after she gave Bilhah to Jacob as a wife?

3. Which one of the four wives of Jacob said, "The LORD hath taken away my reproach: The LORD shall add to me another son." _____
4. What was the wage Laban agreed to pay Jacob if he would work for him? _____
5. How did Laban immediately go about to swindle Jacob? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Do you think Jacob remembered deceiving his father to get Esau's blessing, when Laban removed all the odd-colored sheep and goats from his flock which were to be Jacob's pay at a future day? "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num 32:23). The sin of deceit can be confessed and will be forgiven when confession is honest and sincere (1 John 1:9). "I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD: and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah" (Ps 32:5).

The experience of Jacob with Laban recommends that in a financial matter which involved the future welfare of an entire family, the terms of the agreement be spelled out in a definite legal document.

HELP:

1. Rachel had said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die." Jacob replied, "Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb" (vs 1-2).
2. "God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son" (v 6).
3. Rachel (vs 22-24).
4. The speckled and spotted cattle, the brown among the sheep, the spotted and speckled among the goats (v 32).
5. Laban removed all the speckled and spotted and ringstraked and brown and sent them three days journey away from his herd Jacob was to care for (vs 34-36).