

How God Subdued Jacob

Week 25

Gen 29:1 Then Jacob continued on his journey and came to the land of the eastern peoples. 2 There he saw a well in the field, with three flocks of sheep lying near it because the flocks were watered from that well. The stone over the mouth of the well was large. 3 When all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone away from the well's mouth and water the sheep. Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well. 4 Jacob asked the shepherds, "My brothers, where are you from?" "We're from Haran," they replied. 5 He said to them, "Do you know Laban, Nahor's grandson?" "Yes, we know him," they answered. 6 Then Jacob asked them, "Is he well?" "Yes, he is," they said, "and here comes his daughter Rachel with the sheep." 7 "Look," he said, "the sun is still high; it is not time for the flocks to be gathered. Water the sheep and take them back to pasture." 8 "We can't," they replied, "until all the flocks are gathered and the stone has been rolled away from the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep." 9 While he was still talking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. 10 When Jacob saw Rachel daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and Laban's sheep, he went over and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep. 11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel and began to weep aloud. 12 He had told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and a son of Rebekah. So she ran and told her father. 13 As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he hurried to meet him. He embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his home, and there Jacob told him all these things. 14 Then Laban said to him, "You are my own flesh and blood." NIV

Jacob will now learn the tremendous difference between being saved and being _____.

What does subdued mean for us?

- It means to conquer and bring into _____.
To bring under _____ by the exertion of the will, but in this case, the will of God.
- The will of God, through the Spirit of God, has to trump our own _____ and desires.
- He does it in two ways: the matter of _____ and money.

Jacob is about to learn another valuable lesson.

- Salvation is the _____. Life is the daily bread.
- At times, life can be really hard-- especially for a Christian who has not yet fully _____ or been subdued by the will of God.
- Learning this walk of _____ is not an overnight experience.

1. Jacob Comes to the Well

- Some people will always wind up trying to fill their own _____ rather than sharing the _____ of the life God has planned for them.
- Why are these people not yet surrendered or subdued? Why is man's will so hard to overcome? _____
- Jacob's life was probably filled with _____ of the uncertain future.
- Jacob had a new step and a new song in his heart; he had a new life filled with _____. However, the subdued life is not a life without _____ and tests.
- The Holy Spirit still needs to sanctify us into being what God desires.
- Jacob has a mixture of curiosity and _____ to this stranger at the well.

2. Jacob's _____ At the Well

- Jacob was never marked by a sense of _____.
- You must learn what God is _____ to be able to deal with what man is like. We must also learn what our _____ is like.

3. Jacob's _____ At the Well

- He conquered his own _____.
- He conquered the shepherds' _____ of others.
- He conquered Rachel's _____. It was the romantic story of Rebekah _____.

Rachel and the Deal

- Notice Rachel's _____ and hard work
- Rachel's name signifies a _____.
- To Jacob's credit, _____ was not one of his faults.