

Subdued and Swindled

Gen 29:16-24 Week 26

Gen 29:16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful. 18 Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel." 19 Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." 20 So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. 21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to lie with her." 22 So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. 23 But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and gave her to Jacob, and Jacob lay with her. 24 And Laban gave his servant girl Zilpah to his daughter as her maidservant.

- Jacob is set apart by God, for God's _____.
Salvation, or heaven, is not your reward for doing _____.
_____ is your reward for all the bad you did.

I. The Matter of His Wives

- Jacob's Fervent _____
Three kinds of love:
 1. _____ --unconditional love. The love God has for us.
 2. _____ -- a brotherly love. It's the love a Christian has for another Christian.
 3. _____ --taking what is best for me. "If you love me you will perform for me."
- Jacob's _____
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 - There is poetic _____ in the dealings of God with man.

Matt 7:2 For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you

- The sinful nature of man is _____ by the non caring attitude when hurt is inflicted on others.

- Jacob's _____
Jacob forgot one thing--that God _____ Leah as much as Rachel.

II. The _____ of True Affection

- This power of the heart can _____ my own selfish will, the circumstances of life, and the power of sinful flesh.
- Christ is the highest object of _____ and _____.
- Christ's life is a life of _____ and sacrifice, overcoming the power of man's selfishness.

III. Special Trials Have Special _____

What do we take away from this?

- Serving long for the _____ is worth it!
- What's important is worth the _____

IV. The Example of Love

- Jacob is a kind of, or picture of _____, which makes Rachel a picture of the _____.
- There are times the veil of _____ can hide the purpose God has in the situation.

What was God's plan concerning Leah?

- Waiting will always develop into _____ development.
- _____ is a mark of true love.
- Jesus served so we could have _____ in His love.