

How the Lord Stopped Jacob

Genesis 31 -- Week 29

Gen 31:1 Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, "Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father." 2 And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been. 3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you."

Gen 31:10 "In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled or spotted. 11 The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.' 12 And he said, 'Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. 13 I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land.'"

Gen 31:17 Then Jacob put his children and his wives on camels, 18 and he drove all his livestock ahead of him, along with all the goods he had accumulated in Paddan Aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan. 19 When Laban had gone to shear his sheep, Rachel stole her father's household gods. 20 Moreover, Jacob deceived Laban the Aramean by not telling him he was running away. NIV

- Jacob is going through a metamorphous of change personally, _____ and socially.
- His decision is based on a just annoyance by the way he was treated and by God's _____ direction, and with the advice and consent of his wives.
- The problem was he was going to leave _____.
- God uses me, in spite of me, at times.
- So Godly _____ was to let things turn sour for Jacob. Have you considered that God might be up to something in your life that requires _____?
- The godly Christian did not get that way without making _____ in his life.

Jacob was motivated by two goals—to marry Rachel and get _____ and he had accomplished both. His achievement of these goals was not _____.

The need for _____ with God must come before oneness with your mate can happen.

Jacob's Concerns

1. The world became suddenly _____.
 - Jacob kept strictly to the agreement he had made and he had prospered _____.
 - They become _____ and jealousy is never _____.
2. The word became suddenly _____.
 - It was a long time since Jacob had heard in a clear _____ from God.
 - Suddenly God opened his eyes to the new walk of _____. He was beginning in him.
 - He spoke of Laban's persistent _____

Jacob's _____

Jacob shares with his wife the facts as he sees them.

- He spoke of his _____.
Jacob is sharing not of what he had done but of God's _____ to him
- He spoke of his _____.
True prosperity is _____, not just material, but it resides where God is working.
- Notice when faced with the loss of everything his _____ returned to God.

Laban's _____

Jacob saw Laban's _____ for him.

Laban's _____ dishonesty was now a lifestyle.

Have you ever noticed how _____ we are about those who hurt or use us, and how _____ we are to those we do the same thing to?

Rachel's Sin

The Hebrew calls them Teraphim.

We are told not to have strange God's before us.

Old habits are hard to give up.

God used Rachel, Jacob, and Leah in spite of themselves.