

GENESIS 29; January 29; Jacob Marries 2 Sisters

ANALYSIS:

1. What three questions did Jacob ask the men by the well in the east country? _____
2. What five things did Jacob do when Rachel came to the well with her sheep? _____
3. How long did Jacob work for Laban to earn the right to marry his daughters? _____
4. What was Laban's excuse for beguiling Jacob on his wedding night?

5. What was the difference in Jacob's affection for his two wives?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The LORD “saw” Leah's secondary place in Jacob's affection (v 30). The LORD viewed Leah as “hated” by Jacob (v 31). When the LORD gave Leah conception, she said “Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction,” but she longed for her husband to love her (v 32). She said the LORD heard she was hated and gave her a second son (v 33). She hoped her husband would be joined to her when she bore him a third son (v 34). She was able to “praise the LORD” when she bore a fourth son, although we do not read that Jacob loved her. Have we learned to trust and praise the LORD even in the disappointments we may face in life. “For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly” Ps 84:11.

Do I show lovingkindness to all my family, church members and others in my life? Where do I need to improve? Will I start today?

HELP:

1. My brethren, whence be ye? Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? Is he well?
2. Jacob rolled the stone from the well's mouth, watered Rachel's flock, kissed Rachel, lifted up his voice and wept, told her his relationship to her family.
3. Jacob worked 7 years for Rachel (but got Leah v 20-23), and another 7 years for Rachel (v 26-28).
4. Laban said their custom didn't allow giving the younger before the firstborn in marriage.
5. Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah.