

Genesis 29-30 Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - Beauty is Only Skin Deep. Genesis 29:17-18

“And Leah’s eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful of form and face. Now Jacob loved Rachel” (Gen. 29:17-18). Rachel was a beautiful woman. There is nothing wrong with that. But Jacob looked at Rachel’s exterior and investigated no further into her character. Our society places a premium on glamour and beauty, yet “God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Sam. 16:7). “Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised” (Prov. 31:30). Read 1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:1-6

☐ Tuesday - Beyond Time. Genesis 29:20

“So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her” (Gen. 29:20). Time is no obstacle when love is involved. This is as true in religion as it is in romance. True love is an investment of time, among other things. The one who loves God, loves worshiping, praying, reading His Word and fellowshiping with His people, without constantly looking at the clock. Read Deuteronomy 6:5

☐ Wednesday - Godly Discipline. Genesis 29:25

Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served with you? Why then have you deceived me?” Jacob chose to get ahead in life by means of deception (cf. Gen 27:5-36), and God used Laban’s deception to teach Jacob what it felt like to be on the other side of a lie. Yet God did not bring these events to pass to punish Jacob, but to instruct him. Our punishment was born by our Savior on the cross, but discipline is God’s corrective training which furthers us on the path leading to godliness. Read Hebrews 12:5-11

☐ Thursday - Providence. Genesis 29:25

Despite Laban’s deception, the providence of God was manifested in Jacob’s marriage to Leah. It was Leah, not Rachel, who became the mother of Judah through whom the Messiah would come. Also it was Levi, a son of Leah, who provided the priestly line in later years. “God causes *all things* to work together for good to those who love God” (Rom. 8:28), in this case, even Laban’s deception. What the medieval alchemist failed to do in his attempts to turn base metals into gold, God does in the lives of His people by turning life’s difficulties into true treasure. Read Genesis 50:20

☐ Friday - Earthquake! Genesis 29:31

“Now the Lord saw that Leah was unloved” (Gen. 29:31). “Under three things the earth quakes, and under four, it cannot bear up . . . Under an unloved woman who is married” (Prov. 30:21, 23, NIV). How many husbands have pegged the Richter Scale by not loving their wives. A married woman ought to be the most loved creature on earth, for she has one who is *commanded* to love her “as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her” (Eph. 5:25). Read Prov. 5:18; Mal. 2:13-14