

God's Blessing and Man's Deception
Genesis 29:1-30, Pew Bible p. 21
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I. God's Faithfulness (V. 1-12)

- A. God is faithful to always tell the truth.
 - 1. He does what He says He will do.
 - 2. He is right when He says something is wrong.

- B. God is faithful to always be in control.
 - 1. He enables us to fulfill His calling.
 - 2. He directs us to accomplish His will.

II. Laban's Deception (V. 13-30)

- A. You can do the right thing and still be a victim of evil.
 - 1. God's greatest blessings are future promises, not present realities.
 - 2. Man's greatest evils cannot overcome God's future promises.

- B. God can bless you and still allow you to be a victim of evil.
 - 1. Sometimes it is discipline for the way we live.
 - 2. Sometimes it is qualification to care for others.

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Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 29:1-30.
2. Why do you think Jacob was so emotional when he met Rachel at the well (v. 11)?
 - a. Have you ever been emotionally overwhelmed at God's faithfulness to you? Why?
3. What does vv. 1-12 say about God's faithfulness to Jacob in helping him find Laban's family?
4. How could God bless Jacob in so many other ways, but still allow him to be deceived by Laban?
 - a. How does Jacob's outrage in v. 25 at being deceived connect to his own deception of his father in chapter 27?
5. How can God refer to Jacob as blessed yet still allow him to reap what he sowed as a deceiver?
 - a. How has God taught you tough lessons by allowing you to reap what you sow?
 - b. How is God still accomplishing His will in all this despite Jacob being successfully tricked into marrying two women by his uncle?
6. Pray for our church members to trust in God's faithfulness despite man's evil. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.