

God's Blessing and Brokenness
Genesis 29:31-30:24, Pew Bible p. 23
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I. Broken Thanks (V. 31-35)

- A. Broken people can thank God and disobey Him in the same breath.
- B. A merciful God can punish sinners and still care about them.

II. Broken Need (V. 1-13)

- A. Broken people can resent God and need him in a single thought.
- B. A merciful God can judge sinners and still bless them.

III. Broken Praise (V. 14-24)

- A. Broken people can praise God and hurt people in the same moment.
- B. A merciful God can correct sinners and still listen to them.

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Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 29:31-30:24.

2. How can Leah thank God for her children (V. 31-35) and be a part of creating such a dysfunctional family?

a. Have you ever thanked God for a blessing even while you knew your lifestyle choices were not wise? Why?

b. What does this say about God's ability to care for sinners even while He does not approve of their lifestyle?

3. How could Rachel resent God for not giving her a son (V. 1-2) and then praise God for the children she had through Bilhah?

a. Have you ever blamed God while knowing you needed Him more than ever?

b. What does this say about God's heart to judge sinners and bless them at the same time?

4. How could Rachel and Leah both praise God so faithfully and treat each other so horribly (V. 1, 14-18)?

a. What does this say about God's heart to correct sinners when they fail and listen to them when they pray?

5. What do you think Rachel learned when she finally had a child (V. 22-24) that she could not have learned if she didn't have to wait so long?

a. What are some things people have a hard time waiting for God to give today? Why?

b. What does this passage say about God and His mercy on broken people?

6. Pray for our church members to both repent of sin and believe in God's love for them despite their depravity. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.