

**God's Blessing and Man's Opposition**  
**Genesis 30:25-43, Pew Bible p. 23**  
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**I. The Schemes of Man (V. 25-36)**

- A. Worldly people will always oppose God's blessings, but we have a great defense in godly contentment.
- B. Worldly people will always question God's sovereignty, but we have a great testimony in godly praise.
- C. Worldly people will always defy God's power, but we have a great answer in godly patience.

**II. The Blessing of God (V. 37-43)**

- A. God's blessing of His people in the face of man's opposition is independent of our methods.
- B. God's blessing of His people in the face of man's opposition is independent of our ability.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 30:25-43
2. How does V. 25 say God kept His former promise to Jacob from Genesis 28:15?
  - a. Why do you think Jacob was content with returning home with only his family and no riches?
  - b. What does this say about how important godly contentment is in dealing with unfair people like Laban?
3. What is the difference between Laban's acknowledgement of God's blessing (V. 27) and Jacob's acknowledgment of God's blessing (V. 30)?
  - a. What is the difference between liking what God can do for you and praising God for His faithfulness to you?
4. How can Laban acknowledge that Jacob is blessed by God (V. 27) and still try to cheat him (V. 36)?
  - a. What does this say about mankind's tendency to defy God's power even when they believe it exists?
  - b. What is the consequence of fighting against God, as Laban is doing?
5. What does Jacob's idea of the sticks say about the role of our own methods in God's blessing?
  - a. Has God ever blessed a decision in your life that should not have worked?
  - b. What does God's blessing over our subpar methods say about His power and kindness?
6. Pray for our church members to trust in God's power over man's schemes. Come to the extended church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center lobby.