

Principles of Application

Jacob's Wives and Wages

Genesis 29-30

Even though Jacob was committed to the God of heaven and earth, the God of his fathers, life was still a struggle. Contrary to the false gospel message of health and wealth and prosperity that is often preached around the world, one's commitment to follow after God doesn't erase the natural consequences of our sin nor does it promise an easy life going forward.

- I. Jacob's _____ to find a wife (1-14)
 - A. His _____ at the well (1-8)
 - B. His _____ at the well (9-14)
- II. Jacob's _____ to marry a wife (15-30)
 - A. His _____ (15-20)
 - B. His _____ (21-30)
 - C. His _____ (29:31-30:24)

1. The consequence of _____ is _____.
2. The grace of _____ is _____.

Parallels

- As Jacob had deceived Isaac by taking advantage of his inability to see, due to poor eyesight, so Laban deceived Jacob by taking advantage of his inability to see who he had married!
- Earlier, Jacob had deceptively pretended to be the older brother, and now Laban tricked him by replacing the younger with the older sister. Laban deceived Jacob as Jacob had deceived Isaac.
- Jacob was behaving like his parents, who each favored one son above the other, by favoring one of his wives above the other. In both cases, serious family problems followed.
- Esau was forced to live with the results of Jacob's deception; now Jacob was forced to live with the results of Laban's deception.