

**Series "In The Beginning...God"**  
**"Deceiver Deceived"**  
**Genesis 29:1-30**  
**Study-55**

**Genesis 29:18-28**

**Galatians 6:7-8**

**God's perspective, "Jacob's Divine Retribution!"**

**Genesis 28-35 Jacob's Life: Genesis 29-31 covers 20 years of Jacobs's life.**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Selection Of A Lifetime Spouse Is Second Only In Importance To Our Decision To Trust Jesus For Eternal Life"

- 1. Verses 1-13 The Appointment**
- 2. Verses 14-20 The Agreement**
- 3. Verses 21-30 The Deception**

**1. Verses 1-13 The Appointment:**

**Genesis 29:1 Then – Context** – Jacob left his family because Esau was planning to kill him over stealing the blessing. Jacob was sent to get a wife from his Uncle Laban. Jacob has an encounter with God, **Bethel** - "*The house of God*" and makes a vow with God. Jacob has his conversion.

**Jacob went on his journey, or "Jacob lifted up his feet" or "Jacob clicked His Heals" expresses joy, Jacob had a new joy-spring in his step because he had come to know God. Psalm 51:12**

**and came to the land of the sons of the east.** This is the area of Haran which was about 500 miles from Beersheba. This would take over a month to arrive.

**Genesis 29:2** This stone protected the well from unwanted guests and dirt.

**Genesis 29:3** All the flocks gather, then all got watered.

**Genesis 29:4 "We are from Haran."** How close is Jacob? Is Jacob at the right place?

**Genesis 29:5 "We know him." Bethel** Jacob came to know God but in **Haran** – Jacob would come to know man.

**Genesis 29:6 and here is Rachel his daughter coming with the sheep." Genesis 24 God's Providence - Abraham's Servant Met Isaac's Wife Rebekah At The Well, Now Jacob Meets Rachel At The Well:**

**Genesis 29:7 He said, "Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered.** He is saying why are you here so early? You have hours until watering

**Water the sheep, and go, pasture them."** Did he tell them to go to work so that he could be alone with Rachel?

**Genesis 29:8 then we water the sheep."** We sit around and wait for all the sheep to come before we water them.

**Genesis 29:9-10 When Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep**

**Jacob went up, and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well,** stone that is large and took several men, but he goes up there in front of Rachel and moves the stone

**and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.** Jacob is acting as a servant who waters the sheep for her. This was unheard of.

**Genesis 29:11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted his voice and wept.** To kiss a relative was customary in families.

**and lifted his voice and wept.** Jacob starts crying, "*to cry in a loud voice*"

**Genesis 29:12 she ran and told her father.** Note Rachel got emotional and ran

**Genesis 29:13 Then he related to Laban all these things.** What did Jacob tell Laban we don't really know but he did inform him of what had happened.

## **2. Verses 14-20 The Agreement:**

**Genesis 29:14 Laban** - Is a carnal Christian. When we met him in **Genesis 24**, he saw the riches that were with Eleazar **Genesis 24:31**

**"Surely you are my bone and my flesh."** (**Genesis 2:23, Genetic ties of the family**)

**Genesis 29:15 Tell me, what shall your wages be?"** Laban lets Jacob work for a month before he brings up pay.

**Genesis 29:16 the name of the older was Leah** – "*to make weary, or faint, cow*"

**and the name of the younger was Rachel** – "*to be a good traveler, a lamb, ewe*"

**Genesis 29:17 Leah's eyes were weak, (KJV Leah was tender eyed;)** "weak eyed" She has to squint. Or her eyes lacked luster. Eastern women were prized for dark eyes.

**but Rachel was beautiful of form and face.** Rachel was a beautiful woman.

**Genesis 29:18 "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."** This was not a figure offered by her father Laban but one suggested by Jacob.

**Genesis 29:19**

**The promise is that Laban would give Rachel to Jacob as his wife but that is all that is said.**

**stay with me."** What Jacob failed to hear is that Laban never promised to give Rachel to him after seven years. He just said, **stay with me."**

**Genesis 29:20 and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.**

### **3. Verses 21-30 The Deception:**

**Genesis 29:21 "Give me my wife,** Jacob did not specify and say, **"Give me my wife, Rachel"** when you deal with a weasel like Laban you have to be specific!

**Genesis 29:22 Laban gathered all the men of the place and made a feast.**

**Genesis 29:23 Now in the evening he took his daughter Leah, and brought her to him; and Jacob went in to her.** The switch-a-rue. (Leah was a part of the scheme)

**Genesis 29:24 Zilpah** plays a role in bearing children **Gad** and **Asher**.

**Genesis 29:25 in the morning that, behold, it was Leah! (God had the last word! Leah, in Rachel's clothes, was like Jacob in Esau's clothes)**

**And he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me?"** The old saying, **"What goes around comes around!"** We see the reaping and sowing principle.

**Jacob Accuses Laban Of Deceiving Him: Was it not for Rachel that I served with you? Why then have you deceived me?"** Jacob would now know how Esau felt! **Proverbs 13:15**

**The Lesson By Leah - that the right of the firstborn must be respected. Jacob did not do this with Esau.**

**The Lesson For Jacob - who deceived his father, now Jacob was deceived by Laban. The deceiver was deceived.**

**Genesis 29:26 not the practice in our place to marry off the younger before the firstborn.** This is called reaping and sowing. Jacob's treatment to Esau.

**"The man that passed himself off as the firstborn now receives Laban's firstborn daughter to be his wife."**

**Laban Reminds Jacob Of The Rights Of The Firstborn: to marry off the younger before the firstborn.** *"We respect the rights of the firstborn"*

**Galatians 6:7-8**

**Genesis 29:27** Later **Leviticus** forbid the marriage of sisters  
**Leviticus 18:18**

**Genesis 29:28 Jacob did so and completed her week,** seven days of the marriage feast

**and he gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife.** how meekly Jacob accepted the lot in life and worked off the next seven years.

**Ephesians 4:30-32**

**Genesis 29:29 Bilhah** will play a role in the children of Israel. **Dan** and **Naphtali**  
**Romans 8:28**

**Genesis 29:30 and indeed he loved Rachel more than Leah,** This favoritism is going to bring heartache to this home. Leah would give birth to **Levi** (Priestly Tribe) and **Judah** (Kingly tribe)

**and he served with Laban for another seven years.** meekly serves for 14 years!

### **Application:**

- 1.** Every Person Who Places Their Faith In God Needs To Grow, Whether The Growth Is From The University Of Hard Knocks Or Not. Jacob Grew Through The Switching Of Lea For Rachel. We Never See Jacob Bringing The Deception Of Leah Up.
- 2.** Jacob's Love For Rachel Is A Model Love For Marriage. Jacob's Love For Rachel Never Diminished. Jacob Worked Seven Years For Rachel's Hand In Marriage: **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.** Jacob Was Deceived, Resulting In Jacob Working Yet Another Seven Years for Her Hand.