

JACOB'S TRIALS LED HIM TO VICTORY

Introduction: Jacob deceived his father and later he was deceived by Laban who made life dismal for Jacob. God helped Jacob, but Jacob did not forsake his sin and trust Him until he wrestled with Him.

Lesson Aim: Whatever we do to others, it will be done to us. We must forsake our sin and trust God.

Verse: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap" Gal 6:7.

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:

I. Jacob's Removal from Canaan — 28:1-22

A. Reassurance from Isaac — 28:1-9

1. What did Isaac tell Jacob before he left Canaan? 28:1-4 (underline the right answers)
 - a. Leave Canaan so Esau does not kill you.
 - b. Take a wife from your mother's family.
 - c. Return when Esau's anger cools against you.
 - d. May God Almighty bless you with many children.
 - e. God bless you with herds and flocks .
 - f. God bless your seed with the land promised to Abraham.

B. Reassurance from God — 28:10-22

2. What did Jacob see in his dream? 28:12-13
3. What did God tell Jacob in his dream? 28:13-15

I am the God of _____

I will give you the _____

Your seed will be as the _____

In your seed all the _____

I am with you and will _____ you in all _____ where you will go and will _____ you back.

I will not _____ you until I have _____ what I have _____ you.

4. How did Jacob respond to God's meeting with him that night? 28:16-17
5. What did Jacob do in the morning? 28:18-22 (Name at least four things)

II. Jacob's Residence in Haran — 29:1-30:43

6. How many sons did Leah currently give Jacob? ___ Bilhah? ___ Zilpah? ___ Rachel? ___ 29:32-30:24
7. Why did Jacob remain with Laban after he had served him 14 years for his wives? 30:26-34

III. Jacob's Return to Canaan — 31:1-33:20

A. Meeting with Laban — 31:1-55

8. Why did Jacob decide to leave Laban? 31:3, 11-13
9. What did Jacob say to Laban when he decided to leave? 31:20-21
10. What did God do to protect Jacob from Laban? 31:22-24
11. What did Jacob have that Laban claimed to be his? 31:43
12. How did they resolve the problem? 31:44-55

B. Meeting with God — 32:1-32

13. What report made Jacob afraid of meeting Esau? 32:3-7
14. How did Jacob prepare for his meeting with Esau? 32:7-20
15. Who wrestled with Jacob that night ? 32:24, 30
16. Why did Jacob continue to hold on to his opponent after he was defeated? 32:26
17. Why do you think God wrestled with Jacob that night?

C. Meeting with Esau — 33:1-20

18. How did Esau treat Jacob when they met? 33:4