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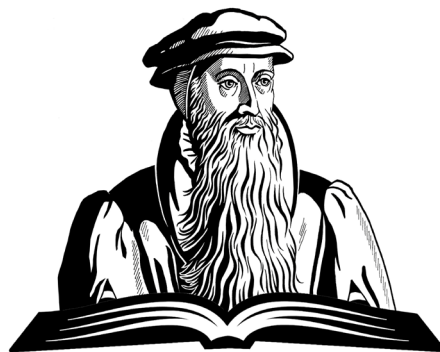
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Lesson 21

God Preserves Jacob Genesis chapters 28 thru 33

Memory Verse

“And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.”

Genesis 28:15

The Consequences of Jacob’s Actions

Isaac blessed Jacob with the blessing that Abraham received of God (Genesis 28:4). This was the blessing that God said should come upon Jacob (Genesis 25:23). However, because Jacob received the blessing by deceit, he would not only cause turmoil in the family, but would also be deceived. Esau hated Jacob with such a deep hatred that he desired to kill his brother. The knowledge of this hatred would stay with Jacob throughout his long stay in a strange land. How heavy a burden to be always fearful!

As Jacob deceived his father, so Jacob would be deceived by his uncle, Laban. He would be deceived, not only regarding the cattle, but also regarding Rachel. Do not the words of Christ ring true? “For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again” (Matthew 7:2). What a lesson for us! To not be like Jacob but rather to hearken to the words of the Savior, “And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise” (Luke 6:31).

Finally, Jacob had two wives and two concubines. How far he had departed from the institution of marriage as laid down by God in Genesis 2:24, where we read, “A man [shall] leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” How much trouble came into his family as the wives competed against one another and the sons despised each other. Departing from the wisdom of God’s Word only ever brings sorrow.

Jacob Preserved by Grace

As we have seen, the life of Jacob was not perfect. It was full of trouble, trouble he often brought upon himself. Nevertheless, God had made a promise to Jacob. In that promise, God said, “I am with thee, and will keep thee” (Genesis 28:15). Twenty years away from the land that the Lord had promised; twenty years away because of his deceit to his father; twenty years of strife with Laban; yet, in the end, we find God coming to Jacob and saying, “Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee” (Genesis 31:3).

Twenty years later, God comes to Jacob and encourage him with the same words with which he had encouraged him at Bethel, when he first set out upon his journey: "I will be with thee." Why would God be with Jacob? Not because Jacob was good, but that the good God is also a gracious God: "It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not" (Lamentations 3:22). Should not such thoughts humble us and cause us to lift up our voices in praise?

Review Questions

1. What charge did Isaac give to Jacob, in the opening of Genesis 28?

2. Isaac sent Jacob away to _____ unto Laban.

- a. Jericho
- b. Mt. Tabor
- c. Ur
- d. Padan-aram

3. Which of the following was a wife of Esau?

- a. Mahalath
- b. Rahab
- c. Keturah
- d. Jezebel

4. When Jacob slept in Bethel, he dreamed he saw _____ ascending and descending on a ladder to heaven.

- a. Lights
- b. Angels
- c. Doves
- d. Jesus Christ

Genesis 28

5. "And he was _____, and said, How _____ is this place! This is none other but the _____ of _____, and this is the _____ of _____."

6. The following are the twelve sons of Jacob. Match each son with his mother.

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| _____ Joseph | |
| _____ Simeon | |
| _____ Dan | a. Leah |
| _____ Asher | |
| _____ Judah | b. Rachel |
| _____ Gad | |
| _____ Naphtali | c. Bilhah |
| _____ Levi | |
| _____ Benjamin | d. Zilpah |
| _____ Issachar | |
| _____ Reuben | |
| _____ Zebulun | |

Discussion Questions

1. What do we read of Esau doing in Genesis 28:9? What motivated Esau to do this?

2. In Hebrews 1:14, we read, “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” How does this verse give meaning to Genesis 28:12–13?

3. Who stands at the top of the ladder? Why is this a comforting picture?

4. After Laban had overtaken Jacob, they made a covenant (Genesis 31:43–55). We note several elements in this transaction, which are representative of God’s dealing with sinners. 1) A covenant is established. 2) A sacrifice is made. 3) There is feasting. 4) A father blesses his children. Compare these four things with God’s way of salvation.

A covenant is established: _____

A sacrifice is made: _____

There is feasting: _____

A father blesses his children: _____

5. In Genesis 32:9–10, Jacob approaches God in prayer. How is it evident that Jacob approached God 1) with a humble heart? and 2) as a faithful covenant God?

With a humble heart: _____

As a faithful covenant God: _____

6. After reading Genesis 32:12, explain what is the only encouraging ground in approaching God.

7. The life of a Christian is often marked by belief and faith or unbelief and doubt. It is like the life of the father who said to Jesus, “I believe; help thou mine unbelief” (Mark 9:24). Are these two things evident in the life of Jacob? Explain (consider Genesis 32:7, 9–12, and 20). Upon whose faithfulness does a Christian’s hope rest?

Evident in the life of Jacob? _____

On Whose faithfulness? _____

8. What does Jacob do in Genesis 32:24–26? How may this recorded event be instructive to us?
