

JACOB'S WIVES
(Genesis 29:1-30)

- I. Jacob's ARRIVAL (Gen. 29:1-8)
 - A. He "lifted up his FEET"
 - B. He came upon a WELL
 - 1. BLOCKED by a large STONE
 - 2. Finds three flocks WAITING for WATER
 - C. He asked questions of the SHEPHERDS
 - 1. From what CITY had they come?
 - 2. Do they know LABAN, the son of NAHOR?
 - D. He shows his CONCERN for the SHEEP
- II. Jacob's WELCOME (Gen. 29:9-14a)
 - A. He REMOVES the stone from the well ALONE
 - B. He INTRODUCES himself to RACHEL
 - 1. Greeted her with a KISS
 - 2. He WEPT loudly
 - 3. Identified himself as REBEKAH'S son
 - 4. Stays with Laban's SHEEP
 - 5. Is welcomed into Laban's HOUSE
- III. Jacob's LABORS (Gen. 29:14b-20)
 - A. He works for a MONTH before discussing COMPENSATION
 - 1. Treats Jacob as an EMPLOYEE rather than FAMILY

2. Gives Laban the ADVANTAGE over Jacob
- B. Laban tells Jacob NAME his own WAGES
1. He needed only ROOM and BOARD
 2. He had NOTHING for a “BRIDE price”
 3. He’ll work SEVEN YEARS for the right to MARRY Rachel
- C. The YEARS pass SWIFTLY
- IV. Laban’s TREACHERY (Gen. 29:21-30)
- A. Jacob had to REMIND Laban of the completion of his CONTRACT
- B. Laban gathers his NEIGHBORS for a FEAST
- C. Laban SUBSTITUTED Leah for Rachel
- D. Jacob CONFRONTED Laban about his DECEPTION
1. Laban was guilty of a BREACH of CONTRACT
 2. Jacob is not ANGRY with LEAH
- E. Laban offers RACHEL for another seven years LABOR
1. Jacob KEPT Leah
 2. Jacob MARRIED Rachel
- V. Lessons
- A. God sometimes uses PAINFUL situations to remind us of our own FAILURES
1. To bring us to REPENTANCE
 2. To teach us to TRUST GOD
 3. To remind us that we don’t DESERVE God’s FAVOR
- B. God works “ALL things after the counsel of His WILL” (Eph. 1:11*b*)