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What You Need to Know About JACOB

“God’s Way Vs. My Way”

STUDY NUMBER ONE - [GENESIS 25:19-34](#)

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Genesis 25:19-34](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What did Isaac ask of the Lord in [verse 21](#)?

3. What did the Lord tell Rebekah in [verse 23](#)?

4. What were the twins’ names that were born to Rebekah?

5. Describe the differences between the two boys, according to [verse 27](#).

6. Describe the parental relationship to the two boys, according to verse 28.

7. Describe what took place in Jacob's acquisition of the birthright from Esau.

8. What was the significance of the birthright?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Isaac and Rebekah form a contrast to their offspring Jacob, by being willing to wait for God to fulfill His promise.

LESSON #2: God always gives exceeding abundantly. There are two children given in answer to their prayer.

LESSON #3: God is always faithful to fulfill His promises.

LESSON #4: Parental favoritism creates problems with the children.

LESSON #5: Never try to help God to fulfill His promise by human methods.

LESSON #6: The tragedy of developing the physical without the spiritual.

LESSON #7: Faith and patience go together in the child of God.

LESSON #8: Esau lived for the physical and temporary. He lived with no thought for the spiritual.

LESSON #9: God's love did not begin because of what we were and it will continue in spite of what we are. It is unconditional and eternal.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWO - [GENESIS 27:1-46](#)

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Genesis 27:1-46](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Isaac request of Esau in the first verses of [chapter 27](#)?

3. Who was listening to the conversation of Isaac and Esau, and what is her response?

4. What is Jacob's response to his father's question in [verse 20](#)?

5. How does Isaac respond to this whole plan to trick Esau out of the blessing?

6. Describe the blessing that is given to Jacob.

7. What happens as soon as Isaac finishes the blessing of Jacob?

8. How does Esau feel about losing the blessing, according to verse 41?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There is the bartering of divine privilege for carnal gratification.

LESSON #2: Isaac is trembling greatly because he is pitting himself against Jehovah.

LESSON #3: Beware of doing evil that good may come.

LESSON #4: Seek grace to prevent natural affections over-riding love for God and His revealed will.

LESSON #5: There is a principle, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."
Jacob's ultimate exile and Rebekah's death only bear this out.

LESSON #6: The utter futility of seeking to foil God and His purposes.

LESSON #7: Jacob makes the mistake of prematurely taking his destiny into his own hands.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER THREE - [GENESIS 28:1-22](#)

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Genesis 28:1-22](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Isaac command Jacob to do in the first three verses of our study?

3. What wish does he express for Jacob in [verse 4](#)?

4. What is Esau's response to Isaac's blessing of Jacob?

5. Describe the dream that Jacob had and the message from the Lord.

6. What promise does the Lord give Jacob in [verse 15](#)?

7. What is Jacob's response to this vision?

8. What vow does Jacob make to the Lord in the concluding verses?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God brought and gave His blessings to Jacob, independent of his own human efforts.

LESSON #2: Esau's human efforts look good on the outside but were not pleasing to God. Man looks on the outward, God looks on the heart!

LESSON #3: God is standing at the top of the stairs and the stairs represent Jesus Christ spanning the separation between a Holy God and sinful man.

LESSON #4: God's promise of His presence, protection, preservation, and His promise of fulfillment are all given to us as well.

LESSON #5: Jacob's fear was over past guilt in his life.

LESSON #6: Be sure and mark well the place of your conversion to alleviate future doubt.

LESSON #7: Do not make the mistake of making vows to God.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOUR - [GENESIS 29:1-28](#)**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Genesis 29:1-28](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe the scene in the opening verses of [Genesis 29](#).

3. Who does Jacob meet at the well?

4. What does Jacob do for Rachel?

5. Describe the working relationship between Laban and Jacob.

6. How does Jacob feel about Rachel, according to [verse 20](#)?

7. How does Laban trick Jacob after he served his time for Rachel?

8. What does Jacob do in light of Laban's actions, according to verse 28?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We see the joy of being right with God as Jacob journeys toward Haran.
"He lifted up his feet."

LESSON #2: We see God's guiding hand upon Jacob through the wilderness and desert area to the exact location where the Lord wants him to be. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" (Psalm 37:23, 24). "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not unto your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

LESSON #3: God uses people in our lives to discipline us and to show us ourselves so that we can come to a true hatred of those things in our lives which are not pleasing to the Lord.

LESSON #4: Jacob learns three lessons through this disciplining experience: 1) submission; 2) rights; and 3) waiting.

LESSON #5: Jacob should have prayed and asked for the Lord's wisdom in each of these experiences.

LESSON #6: Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FIVE - [GENESIS 30:1-27](#)

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Genesis 30:1-27](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What problem confronts Jacob and Rachel in [verses 1 & 2](#)?

3. What action does Rachel take to solve her dilemma in the next verses?

4. How does Leah respond to Rachel?

5. What does God do to Rachel, according to [verses 22 & 23](#)?

6. What name does Rachel give to her first son, and what is the significance of that name?

7. What request does Jacob make of Laban in verses 25 & 26?

8. How does Laban respond to Jacob's proposal, according to verse 27?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God uses our circumstances to train us and prepare us for fruitfulness.

LESSON #2: God's wisdom in having one woman for one man in marriage.

LESSON #3: Children are a gift from the Lord.

LESSON #4: Human efforts can never accomplish God's ultimate purpose.

LESSON #5: Our love and preferences sometimes do not equal God's will.

LESSON #6: God, in His own time, remembered Rachel and made her fruitful.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIX - GENESIS 31:1-42**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 31:1-42 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What message does Jacob receive from the Lord, according to verse 3?

3. Describe Jacob's and Laban's relationship, according to verses 5-9.

4. How do Rachel and Leah respond to the message of the Lord which has been given to Jacob, according to verses 14-16?

5. Where is Jacob heading with all of his possessions and family, according to verse 18?

6. Describe Laban's response to their departure.

7. What had Rachel done that caused Laban to search all of their belongings?

8. How does Jacob respond to Laban, according to verses 36-42?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The indicators for a new direction in the will of God are described in these verses: 1) there is the inward indicator which is the desire on the part of the one being led; 2) there is the outward indicator and that is the circumstances that surround us; and 3) there is the upward indicator and that is God speaking clearly to us through His Word.

LESSON #2: Oneness with your wife is a safeguard in knowing His will.

LESSON #3: God did not allow Laban to hurt Jacob because Jacob was in the center of God's will.

LESSON #4: God is faithful to prosper when we are willing to trust Him and do it His way.

LESSON #5: Keep yourself from idols.

LESSON #6: Bitter and resentful feelings will often come to the surface at a time of confrontation.

LESSON #7: God has seen my affliction and the toil of my hands, so He rendered judgment last night.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SEVEN - GENESIS 32:1-32**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 32:1-32 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What happened to Jacob in verse 1?

3. What preparations does Jacob make in the meeting of Esau?

4. What report does Jacob receive from his servants, and how does he respond, according to verses 6 & 7?

5. What does Jacob do in verses 9-12?

6. What preparations does Jacob make for meeting Esau in verses 13-20?

7. Describe what happens to Jacob in verses 24-30.

8. What mark does Jacob bear as a result of his wrestling match, according to verse 31?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: At the hour of Jacob’s need the angels met him. “But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

LESSON #2: It is the Father’s will that we come to Him and as a servant ask of Him in prayer, “What wilt thou have me to do? Speak Lord for thy servant heareth.”

LESSON #3: It is not the Father’s desire to bless our plans as we pray.

LESSON #4: It is good to remind the Lord of His promises in the time of crises.

LESSON #5: The promises and the blessings will not be acquired through human effort.

LESSON #6: God may have to touch us physically when we fail to respond to Him spiritually.

LESSON #7: God helps the helpless.

LESSON #8: Jacob is now learning to do it God’s way.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER EIGHT - GENESIS 35:1-21**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 35:1-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What message does Jacob receive from God in verse 1?

3. What does Jacob command his family to do as a result of this word from the Lord?

4. Where does Jacob go and what does he do according to verses 6 & 7?

5. What message does Jacob receive from the Lord in verses 10-12?

6. What is Jacob's response to this message from the Lord, according to verses 14 & 15?

7. What happens to Rachel in verses 16-19?

8. What is the name of the son born to Rachel in her death?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God is ever calling us to Bethel to our meeting with Him. From the garden of Eden it has been Adam, "Where are you?"

LESSON #2: Restoration to fellowship involves casting out the idols experiencing the cleansing of the Spirit through confession and the changing of our garments for His robe of righteousness.

LESSON #3: A man in fellowship is more concerned about the person than he is the place.

LESSON #4: There are no rebukes upon return, only promises.

LESSON #5: Sorrow is used as a part of the training process to make us more godly.

LESSON #6: A lot of sorrow in our lives is explained because we love what we should not.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
