

# Let's Worship God

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## **Monday - Genesis 29:1-8 - God's Guiding Hand**

Jacob has been sent out by his parents to find a Godly wife from his mother's relatives. He is also fleeing from his brother Esau who wants to murder him. As he has travelled to his uncle's house, the Lord has revealed Himself to Jacob and has given him the covenant promises of a Messiah, a land, a people, and a special relationship with God Himself. Encouraged by the assurance of God's presence and protection, Jacob travels on until he comes to his destination. God brings Jacob to the very field where his uncle's flocks are going to be watered and where he will meet his future wife. God's hand is controlling, causing, and guiding all things, big and little, happy and unhappy.

The shepherds in this field look out for one another, including Rachel, the shepherdess, and they wait until they are all gathered together to roll the stone off the well and water the sheep. While they are waiting, Jacob takes the opportunity to find out who they are. He speaks respectfully to them and discovers that his mother's family is alive and well, and his cousin is on her way to the well right then. Because he has spoken politely to them, the shepherds don't tell Jacob to mind his own business when he tells them how to do their job. Instead, they patiently explain that they are waiting for all the sheep to be gathered before they begin watering them.

## **Questions**

1. Why has Jacob had to leave home?
2. What has God promised Jacob?
3. Who does Jacob see gathered together and what does he ask them?
4. What relative is soon going to arrive at the well?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that God is in control of all things, both big and little.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

## **Memory Verse**

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Genesis 29:30

**Praise: Psalm 121 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**



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## Tuesday - Genesis 29:9-14 - A Great Welcome

While Jacob is talking to the shepherds and finding out from them about his mother's family, Rachel arrives. She is a shepherdess and this tells us something about her humble and hard-working attitude. Laban probably has many servants that could have looked after his sheep, but Rachel sees this as a job she can do, and she is not too proud to do it.

When Jacob sees her it is love at first sight. He immediately does everything he can to help her, and at the moment that involves rolling the stone off the well and watering her sheep. When he understands that this is his relative, he kisses her and cries with joy. Rachel immediately runs off to her father to bring him this news of his nephew that has arrived after many years and is so happy to see them. Just like when Abraham sent Eliezer to find a wife for Isaac, God has guided Jacob exactly to the woman who is to be his wife, and the knowledge that he has found a Godly wife fills Jacob with joy. God is always guiding and controlling the events in our lives, and this should be a source of great joy and comfort to us.

Laban welcomes Jacob with open arms, eagerly listening to the things Jacob has to tell about his family and his mother. He brings Jacob into his home as his true relative.

### Questions

1. Who comes to the well as Jacob is talking?
2. How does Jacob react to her?
3. Who does Rachel run and tell about Jacob?
4. What is Laban's reaction to Jacob?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that our covenant children will find Godly spouses.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

### Memory Verse

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## **Wednesday - Genesis 29:15-30 - The Deceiver is Deceived!**

Jacob doesn't take advantage of his uncle's hospitality, but he immediately sets to work to serve and help his uncle anyway that he can. When Laban sees this, he doesn't want to lose Jacob by being unfair, so he asks Jacob what kind of wage he is looking for. At this point Jacob makes clear to Laban that he is in love with Rachel, Laban's younger daughter. He then offers to work for Laban for seven years in exchange for Rachel as his wife. Laban realises that it is better for Rachel to marry the godly Jacob than anyone else, so he agrees.

Jacob honestly performs his part of the bargain, and because of his love for Rachel, the seven years seem to fly by. Love makes long and hard jobs short and easy. If we love Christ and long to see Him in heaven, the sufferings and difficulties that we have in this life will seem as nothing in comparison to the happiness we will have in heaven and our desire to serve Christ here on earth. Our love for Jesus makes our obedience to Him easy.

But Jacob who has cheated his own father when he has pretended to be Esau, is now cheated by his father-in-law bringing still more deception-caused pain and heartache into his life and the lives of others. Laban doesn't just wrong Jacob, he also acts in a terrible way towards his own daughters, putting them in an awkward, sinful, and unloving situation.

Laban tries to laugh off the situation with an excuse of tradition that probably isn't even true. He then draws Jacob into the sin of multiplying wives by promising him Rachel if he works another seven years. Jacob, because of his great love for Rachel, agrees.

## **Questions**

1. What agreement does Jacob make with Laban?
2. Was this work easy or hard and why?
3. How did Laban trick Jacob?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that God's love for us makes obedience easier.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

## **Memory Verse**

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## Thursday - Genesis 29:31-35 - Leah's Children

Leah has been deceitfully given by her father to a man who doesn't love her at all and never has. If that isn't bad enough, her husband then goes on to marry another woman, the one whom he truly loves. And this woman is none other than her own sister - her sister, who should have been a source of comfort and encouragement to Leah in this tough situation, is now her chief rival as unloved Leah is pushed aside and forgotten. But she is not forgotten by God. Leah is blessed by God with children as God in His wisdom balances trials and blessings for both Rachel and Leah. Rachel wants children, but she is blessed with her husband's love; Leah wants her husband's love, but she is blessed with children to be a comfort to her as in many ways she is like a widow.

The names that Leah gives her sons show the respect that she has both for God and her husband. She so much wants her husband to love her that she sees these sons as a means to getting that love. She is also very thankful to God for His blessing and care for her; she knows that God has seen her trouble and sorrow, and He is looking out for her. Interestingly, she doesn't blame God or her husband for this situation, but she sets out to do what she can to win her husband's love, and she is humbly grateful to God for the help He is giving her. She sets an example for us in the way she handles this heartache - not in bitterness or anger, but in simple trust in God .

### Questions

1. Why is Leah unloved?
2. How does God help and encourage Leah?
3. What does Leah name her four sons?
4. Who does she thank for her children?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks to God for our children.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## Friday - Genesis 30:1-13 - Rivalry

Jacob now finds himself caught up in the rivalry between the two sisters he has married. As Rachel watches God blessing Leah with sons, she becomes increasingly envious. She is upset at her's sister's blessings, but she doesn't stop to think that it is God who is sending and withholding those blessings. Instead she blames her husband, demanding children from him. Not just one child will satisfy her, but because Leah has several, she must have several too. Rachel's desire for children is now consuming her and becoming her idol; she is willing to die to get what she wants so desperately. But not once does she turn to God and ask Him for children. Jacob loves Rachel, so he rebukes her, reminding her that children are a gift of God, who has given them to Leah and kept them from Rachel. We should never look to other people to give us what we can only get from God - happiness, contentment, and fulfilment.

Rachel is unwilling to really accept this rebuke, and she decides to deal with her problem of childlessness in the same way that Sarah, Abraham's wife, dealt with it. Rachel gives her servant to her husband to have children in her place. Jacob foolishly agrees, perhaps thinking this will end the conflict in his home, but Rachel gives each son a name intended to provoke Leah. Leah in a panic imitates her sister, giving her maid to Jacob to have more children. So, as God's plan for marriage to be between one man and one woman is ignored, unhappiness, bitterness, anger, fighting, and lack of love is the result.

## Questions

1. What does Rachel want and who does she ask for it?
2. What does Jacob tell his wife?
3. What is Rachel's solution?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would look to God for our happiness.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

## Memory Verse

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## **Saturday - Genesis 30:14-24 - Rachel's Son**

Leah's firstborn, Reuben, is out in the fields and finds some mandrakes. It is uncertain what mandrakes are - maybe fruit or flowers. Whatever they are, they aren't very common, and no sooner does Rachel see them, than she must have them. She can't stand for her sister to have anything better than her. So, she asks Leah for some of them. Leah, who is not bitter against God or Jacob for her situation, is very bitter and angry towards her sister, and she refuses. Rachel is overwhelmed again by her desire for something that she doesn't have, and she promises Jacob to Leah for that night. Just like when Esau sold his birthright for some stew, Rachel's desire for short-term happiness leads to even more heartache as Leah has two more sons. Interestingly, Leah seems to think that God is blessing her for giving her maid to Jacob. God will never bless those who do wrong in order for something good to happen.

Verse 22 says that God listened to Rachel. In order for God to listen, she must have been talking to Him. So, it looks as though Rachel finally stopped looking to Jacob and her own schemes to bring her happiness and has turned to God in prayer begging Him for a child and recognising that children are a joy that come from Him. When God answers her prayer by giving her Joseph, she gives him a name, not intended to provoke her sister, but one that glorifies God as the giver of life and humbly asks Him for another son.

## **Questions**

1. What does Rachel want that Leah has?
2. How many more sons does Leah have?
3. Who does Rachel finally look to for children?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

## **Memory Verse**

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Genesis 29:30

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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