




Welcome to

Genesis

Week 7



The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God

endures forever.

II Timothy 3:16, 17

“All scripture is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the servant of God may be thoroughly quipped for every good work.”

Questions

Genesis 26

Isaac and
Abimelech

Genesis 26:1

Famine

- Isaac went to Abimelech, to the city of Gerar
 - 3rd time

Genesis 26:2

Lord Appeared

- Do not go to Egypt -stay in Gerar

Genesis 26:3

- I will be with you
- I will bless you

Question:

- God repeated his promises often
 - Why?

Genesis 26:5

I will Bless You Because

- Abraham obeyed me
- Abraham kept my commands my decrees, my instructions
- legal language describing keeping God's laws

Genesis 26:7

Men Asked About His Wife

- She is My Sister (Afraid)

- like his father Abraham Isaac decided to lie to protect himself
- instead of trusting God and Gods protection

When Isaac Had Been There A Long Time

➤ Abimelech

- Sees
- Questions
- Gave orders

Genesis 26:16

Abimelech Asked Isaac Move Away
(Too Powerful)

- Isaac moves to valley of Gerar
 - Dug 2 wells – fought over
 - Dug 3rd well -Rehoboth

Genesis 26:23

Isaac Moved to Beersheba

➤ Lord appeared to him

- I am the God of your father Abraham
- Do not be afraid
- I am with you
- I will bless you
- Increase the number of your descendants
 - For the sake of my servant Abraham

Isaac Built an Altar Called on the Name of the Lord

- In response to being in Gods presence - hearing Gods voice
- Did not build an alter to ask for anything

Discussion

- What type of response do we have when we have experienced God's presence?
- Zacchaeus....other biblical examples

Abimelech with personal advisor and commander of his forces came to visit Isaac

- Why have you come to me since you were hostile to me and sent me away
- We saw clearly that the Lord was with you

Question

- How was Isaac blessed?
- Why did Abimelech think it was ‘the Lord’ who blessed him?
- What kind of understanding do you think Abimelech had of ‘The Lord’?

Genesis 21:22

Abimelech - want to make an agreement do us no harm

- Feast
- Swore and oath
- Sent them away

Genesis 26:34

Esau Marries 2 Hittite Women

- They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebecca
 - Esau then realized how displeasing the Canaanite women were to his father Isaac
 - So he went to Ishmael and married Mahalath (cousin) Genesis 28:8

Genesis 27



Isaac was weak and could no longer see

- Told Esau to prepare food - receive The Blessing
- Mother Rebecca overheard
 - Plan
 - Jacob carries out plan

Isaac is Cautious

- Genesis 27:21 touch
- Genesis 27:24 question - are you really my son Isaac
- Genesis 27:27 smell his clothes
 - Isaac Blessed Jacob

Genesis 27:32

- My father set up and eat some of my game so that you may give me your blessing
- Who are you?
- I am your son your first born Esau.

➤ Isaac trembled violently and said who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me I ate it just before you came and I blessed him and indeed he will be blessed.

➤ When Esau heard his father's words he burst out with a loud and bitter cry.

- Isn't he rightly named Jacob he has deceived me these two times he took my birthright
- And now he's taking my blessing
- Attitude taking responsibility

Genesis 27:33

Isaac's words to Jacob express knowing God had chosen Jacob. Isaac tried to circumvent God's will, but now accepts Jacob's blessing and his sin. He could not go against God's plan. He admits defeat.

- The blessing and the responsibility
- Each person in the family had some responsibility for the sin and disobedience
- Each person felt punishment for their sin

1. Isaac

- Isaac knew God's plan for the birth order since their birth
- Esau was Isaac's favorite boy
- Isaac tried to circumvent God's plan

2. Esau

- Agreed to his father's plan

3. Rebecca

- Took the situation made her own plans - did not ask God

4. Jacob Did Not Ask God

- Agreed with his mother's plan-adult
- Reaped hatred of his brother
- Reaped isolation of mother and father
- Never saw his mother again

Esau Decided to Kill his Brother After His Father Died

- Rebecca was told this
- Rebecca devised another plan

Genesis 27:46

I'm disgusted with living because of these Hittite women, if Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land... my life will not be worth living

Genesis 28

The Second Phase of Jacob's Life

Genesis 27:46

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Isaac Blessed Jacob

- Commmanded Jacob do not marry a Canaanite woman
- Take a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother's brother

Isaac Blessed Jacob

- Although Rebecca Saved Jacob's life after she tried to fulfill God's promise her own way She would never see her son again.

Consequences

- Then Esau realized how displeasing the Canaanite women were to his father Isaac
- Married an Ishmaelite
- Tried to fix things his own way

Question

- What are some examples of trying to fix things our own way instead of God's way?
- Personal, Biblical



10 Minute
Break

Genesis 28:12

Jacobs Dream at Bethel

He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to the heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac”.

Stairway

**Above it stood the Lord
(Stephen)**

Foreshadowing:

John 1:51

Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending on the son of man

Foreshadowing:

John 14:6

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.

Foreshadowing:

I Timothy 2:5

There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself as they ransom for all people.

Promises From God:

- I am the Lord the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac
- No reproach
- Undeserved reminders of blessings because of God's promises to Abraham

1. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying

2. Your descendants will be many like the dust of the earth

3. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring

4. I am with you

5. I will watch over you wherever you go

➤ Unlike local gods

6. I will bring you back to this land

7. I will not leave you until I am done
what I have promised you

➤ Continuous

Jacobs Response:

- Voluntary response to God
- In his grandfather's footsteps

Genesis 28:18

**Jacob took the stone he had placed
under his head**

- Set it up as a pillar
- Poured oil on it.

Pillar - symbol of memorial

a memorial pillar

Oil –symbol of consecration and
anointing

Question

- How is oil used in the Old Testament?
- Christ is called the anointed One
- How does this relate to my church today?

Genesis 29

- Jacob arrives in Paddam Aram (mother's home town)

- Jacob asked about family
- Rachel shepherdess
- Jacob rolled stone away
- Watered his uncles' sheep

- Told Rachel who he was
- Rachel ran home told father Laban

- Jacob worked for Rachel 7 years
- Generous price did not want to risk refusal
- Laban deceived Jacob – Leah was given instead of Rachel!
- The deceiver became the deceived

Timeline:

- Jacob worked seven years
- Given Leah -wedding week
- Given Rachel after the wedding week
- Served another seven years
 - Later, it became illegal to marry two sisters in each other's lifetime -
Leviticus 18:18

Genesis 29:31

- When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.
- Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Ruben for she said it is because the Lord has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now.

Genesis 30

Children of Jacob

- Son's of Lea - Ruben Simeon Levi
Judah, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun
- When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became jealous of her sister so she said to Jacob “give me children or I'll die”.

Genesis 30

Children of Jacob

- Jacob became angry with her and said
“Am I in the place of God who has kept you from having children?”

Then she said here is Bilhah my
servant sleep with her so that she can
bear children for me and that through
her I too can build a family

Common practice –

Discussion

Jacobs family had maidservants and concubines, with no choice, had children that were legally not their own.

- What do you think the attitude, the life situation, and the treatment of these women were?
- Yet, these sons had an equal part in God's plan.

Question

- How can these unfair circumstances be an encouragement to our people today?

Sons through Bilhah (Rachels maidservant)

Dan, Naphtali

➤ Sons through Zilpa (Lea's maidservant)- Gad, Asher

➤ Lea's daughter – Dinah

Genesis 30:22

- Then God remembered Rachel.
- He listened to her and opened her womb.
- She became pregnant and gave birth to a son.
- “God has taken away my disgrace. She named him Joseph and said “May the Lord add to me another son.”

Sons of Rachel

- Joseph
- Benjamin

Genesis 30:25 – 43

➤ Jacob's flocks
increased

- Jacob had fulfilled his commitment to Laban
- Genesis 30:26 Jacob asked permission to leave taking only his family with him
- Genesis 30:27 Please stay

- I have learned by divination that's the Lord has blessed me because of you
- Name your wages and I will pay them

Genesis 31:19

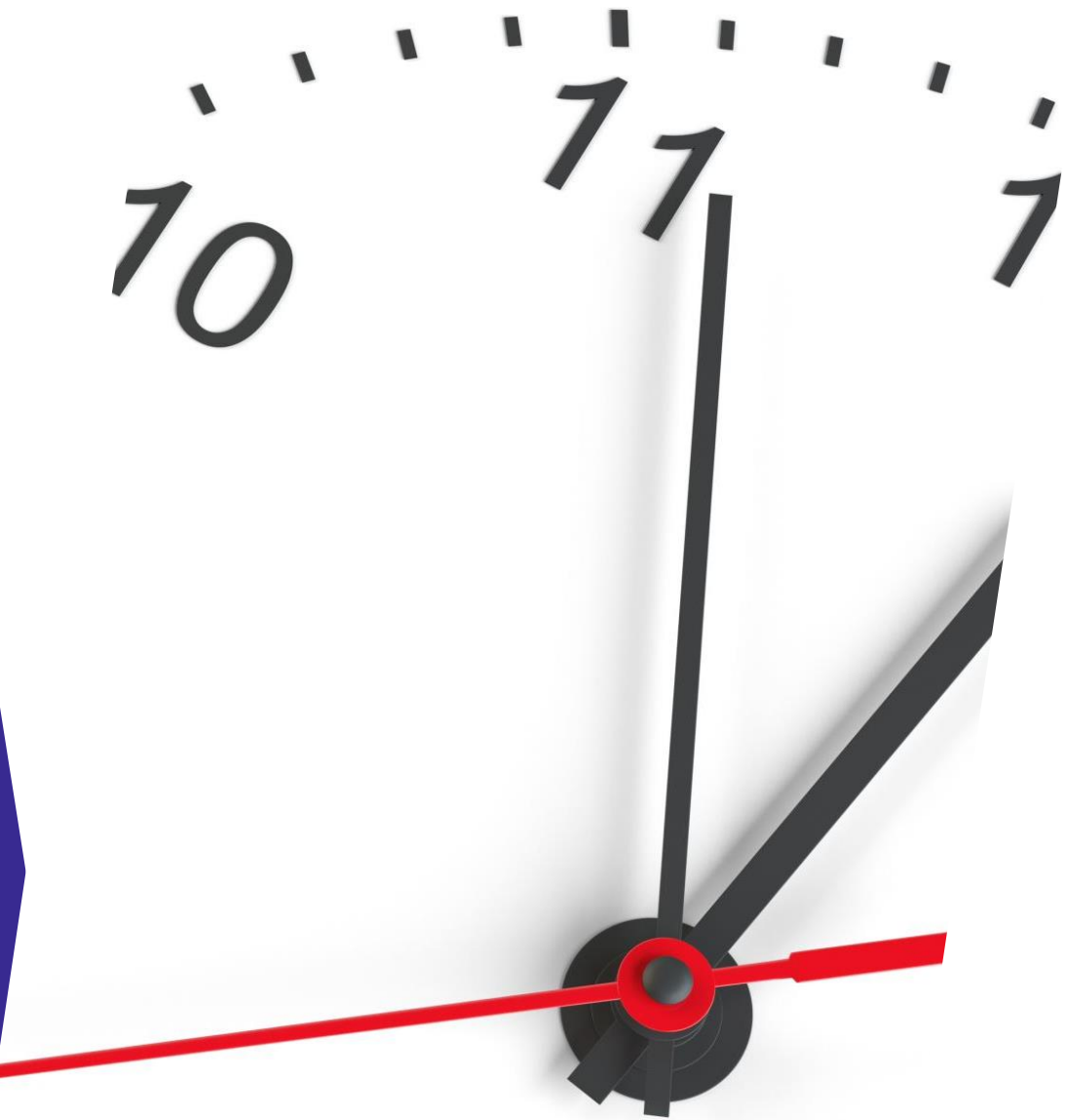
- When Laban had gone to shear his sheep, Rachel stole her father's household gods.
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- Divination was strictly forbidden
- A belief that the world controlled by evil forces
- Worshipping the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, acknowledging the sovereign rule of God Almighty, Ruler of Heaven and Earth, over the world.
- Two warring spiritual world views

- Wages speckled or spotted
sheep dark colored lamb
speckled or spotted goat
- Seemed a modest request

Question:

- How do we see these 2 contrasting worldviews today?
- How should our teaching/preaching reflect this?



**30 Minute
Break**

Laban Changed Wages 10 Times

- Three days journey between Jacob and Laban
- Jacob worked for Laban another six years - became wealthy

Genesis 31:1-21



Jacob runs from Laban

Genesis 31:1-2

- Laban's sons complained about Jacob
- “Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father”
- Jealous/Skewed memory

Genesis 30:30

Jacob said “You know how I worked for you and how your livestock has fared under my care the little you had before I came has increased greatly, and the Lord has blessed you wherever I have been. But now, when may I do something for my own household?”

Genesis 31:3

Then the Lord said to Jacob

“Go back to the land of your father's
and to your relatives
and I will be with you.”

Genesis 31:4

Jacob Talked with Rachel and Leah

Their Response:

- Do we still have any share in the inheritance of our fathers estate?
- Does he not regard us as foreigners?
- He sold us (to you)
- Do whatever God has told you

Genesis 31:17

- Jacob put his children and wives on camels drove his all his live stock ahead of him along with all the goods that he had accumulated, and headed toward his father Isaac in Canaan

Genesis 31:19

- Rachel stole her father's household gods

Genesis 31:22

- Three days later Laban realized Jacob was gone and pursued him

Laban Pursued Jacob

Genesis 31:24

God came to Laban in a dream and said

“Be careful not to say anything to Jacob either good or bad”

Genesis 31:25

- Labin catches up with Jacob and his family
- You have deceived me
- You carried off my daughters like captives in war
- You ran off secretly
- I have the power to harm you

- But last night the God of your father said to me
- Be careful not to say anything to Jacob either good or bad

➤ Why did you steal my gods?

➤ Jacob's oath

“If you find your gods, that person will not live.”

➤ Jacob almost lost his wife

➤ The deceiver was deceived

- Laban looked at all the tents -
found nothing
- Genesis 31:34
- Rachel had taken the gods and put
them inside her camel's saddle and
was sitting on them.

Religious Motive/Selfish Motive

- Taking what her father valued
- Rachel told her father “Don't be angry, I cannot stand up in your presence I'm having my period”.
- In many ancient cultures anything a menstruating woman sat on was considered ritually unclean

Genesis 31:38-42

- Jacob talks to Laban about his work for him the last 20 years
- “But God has seen my hardship and the toil of my hands and last night. He rebuked you.”

Laban's Response:

- The women are my daughters
- The children are my children
- The flocks are my flocks
- All you see is mine

Come Now Let's Make a Covenant Between Us

Genesis 31:45

- Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar as a witness - not go beyond
- Visible token/treaty

Jacob took an oath in the name of the fear of his father Isaac

- Fear -a term for God or kinsman
- Stressing the intimacy of God's relationship with Abraham and Isaac

Genesis 32

- Jacob prepares to meet Esau

1.

- Jacob also went on his way and the angels of God met him.
- Jacob had just left hostile Laban and so and was going to meet hostile Esau
- The angels of God met him
- Angels seen before at Bethel when running from Esau

2.

- When Jacob saw them he said
“This is the camp of God!”

God encouraged Jacob

Jacobs Plan

- Scripture approves of strategy when it is a tool, rather than a substitute for God
- Jacob sent messengers to his brother Esau calling him my Lord
- Jacob divided his family and possessions in two groups
- Jacob prayed

Jacob Selected a Gift of Animals

- Say they are a gift from your servant Jacob
- Jacob sent his wives made servants sons and all his possessions across the stream

Jacob was left alone and a man wrestled with him till break daybreak

- I will not let you go unless you bless me
- Touched his hip - limped
- Gave him a new name -Israel

**“Because You Have Struggled
with God and with men and
have overcome.”**

➤ Jacob said “I saw God face to
face and yet my life was spared.”

In the Morning Jacob Was:

- 1. Wounded
- 2. With a new name

Israel

**May God's strive for him (or
preserve him)**

Also characterized the nation of Israel God preserved
Later God confirmed Jacob's new name

Genesis 35:10

- 3. Blessed

In the Morning Jacob Was

- Wounded
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Israel - may God's strive for him(or preserve him)

- Also characterized the nation of Israel – God preserved them
- Later God confirmed Jacob's new name -
Genesis 35:10

Blessed Jacob

Genesis 33



Jacob meets Esau

- Esau came to meet Jacob with 400 men
- Jacob was a shepherd, Esau was a man who lived by the sword
- Jacob bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother
- Sign up total submission

The Meeting

- Esau
- Ran to meet Jacob
- Embraced him
- Kissed him
- They wept

The stream of gifts give some idea of the load on Jacob's conscience and the sheer grace of Esau's reply.

- Esau asked about those with him
- Jacob said they were his family that God had graciously given your servant
- Esau offered to go with Jacob
- Jacob made excuses
- The two parted company went their separate ways

- Jacob Arrived in Shechem
- Jacob was told to go to Beth-el
- Beth-el where Jacobs journey with God had begun Genesis 28:10-22
- Shechem was a day's journey short of Beth-el
- Shechem was at the crossroads of trade

- Going to Shechem instead of Beth-el was disobedience
- Bought a piece of property from the sons of Hamar - for 400 pieces of silver
- Pitched his tent



10 Minute
Break

Genesis 34

- Dinah and the Shechemites

- Dinah went to visit the women of the land
- Dinah was violated by Shechem - son of Hamar (ruler of the area)
- Shechem asked father (Hamar) to get Dinah as his wife
- Hamar offered Jacob and his family the ability to live trade and acquire property for Dinah.

Genesis 34:13

Jacobs sons replied deceitfully we can't do such a thing we can't give our sister to a man who is not circumcised. that would be a disgrace to us. we will give our consent to you on one condition only: that you become like us by circumcising all your males. then we will give you our daughters and take your daughters for ourselves we'll settle among you and become one people with you. but if you will not agree to be circumcised, we'll take our sister and go.

Genesis 34:18

- Proposal seemed good to him
- Went to the city gate - every male was circumcised

Genesis 34:25

- Three days later while every male was in pain
- Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers attacked and killed every male

Took Their

- Flocks
- Herds
- Women and children
- All their wealth

Genesis 34:30

- Jacob said you have brought trouble on me for this
- We could be attacked

Genesis 34:31

- Should they have treated our sister like a prostitute?

Genesis 35

- Jacob Returns to Bethel

- Going to Shechem instead of Beth-el was disobedience
- Only fear for his life opened his ears again to God's call to Beth-el

Genesis 35:1

Then God said to Jacob:

1. Go up to Bethel and settle there
2. Build an altar to God who appeared to you when you were fleeing from Esau
3. Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you
4. Purify yourselves
5. Change your clothes

Genesis 35:4

So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had

- and the rings (earrings) in their ears
- Amulets or charms
- Egypt
- Jacob buried them

God Demanded From His People

- Single loyalty to him
- Ceremonial purity
- The renunciation of all magic, all charms
- What they represented

At This Same Spot Joshua Gave Similar Directions to Israel - Joshua 24:23-25

“Now then”, said Joshua “throw away foreign gods and yield your heart to the Lord the God of Israel”. And the people said to Joshua “We will serve the Lord our God and obey him”.

On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them the decrees and laws

Genesis 35 :7

- Israel built an altar called the place El Bethel
- Because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother.

Genesis 35:11

- God (God Almighty) confirmed to Israel the covenant promises he had made to Abraham

Discussion

- Why does God remind Israel so many times of his promises, and who He is?
- How do we see this in our lives today?

Genesis 35:19

- Rachel died in childbirth in Bethlehem
- Rachel gave him the name Ben-Oni -Son of my sorrow
- Israel named him Benjamin -son of my right hand (sign of honor)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem

Genesis 35 :22

- While Israel was living in that region Ruben went in and slept with his father's concubine, Bilhah.
- And Israel heard of it.
- Rubens act was an arrogant and premature claim to the rights of the first born.
- For this act(and the attitude it showed) he would lose his legal status as firstborn.

Genesis 35:27

- Jacob came home to his father Isaac in Mamre, near Kiriath Arab(that is Hebron)
- Where Abraham and Isaac had stayed. Isaac lived 180 years then he breathed his last and died .
- Gathered to his people, old and full of years
- His son's Esau and Jacob buried him.
- Abraham was buried in the family tomb, the Cave of Machpelah

Genesis 36

➤ The Descendants of Esau

Homework

Reading:

1. Genesis 39-50
read twice
2. Review Class Notes
from PowerPoints

Written:

1. No written work

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Questions?

**“The Lord bless you and
keep you;
the Lord make his face shine
upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward
you and give you peace.”**

Numbers 6:24-27 NIV