

STUDY TWENTY SIX

WE REAP WHAT WE SOW

Genesis 29:1—30:24

Introduction

Jacob arrives at his uncle's house and falls in love with his uncle's daughter. Like many of life's stories this story includes love, deceit, jealousy and hatred. The Bible does not only mention the good things that happened to his people but also the bad. It is realistic. The Bible is relevant for every aspect of our lives.

Questions For Discussion

1.a) How did Jacob demonstrate his love for Rachel (29:20)?

b) What does this teach us about true love? (See 1Cor. 13:4)

c) How can we apply this to our family life?

2.a) How did Laban deceive Jacob (29:23)?

b) Why do you think God allowed Jacob to experience these frustrations?

3.a) How did Jacob's life illustrate Galatians 6:7-8?

b) Is there any way of breaking out of this principle? (See 1Jn. 1:9)

4. How was God fulfilling his promise to Abraham in this story? (See Gen. 12:2 & 15:5)

5.a) Why did the Lord open Leah's womb (29:31)?

b) What should a husband do if he does not feel love his wife? (See Eph. 5:25-33.
Note: husbands must love their wives even if they don't feel like it.)

c) How should a wife behave if she is not loved by her husband? (See Ps. 27:10)

6.a) Ultimately who is in control of our families (29:31 & 30:2, 17 & 22)?

b) What does this tell us about Rachel's demand (30:1)?

7.a) When Rachel saw Leah bearing children what was her attitude towards her (30:1)?

b) How should we feel when others are more successful than we are? (See Ro. 12:15)

8.a) How did Rachel try to get victory over Leah (30:3, 14-15)?

b) What does God think of this behaviour?

9. How can we help those who are feeling disappointed in life?

For Further Thought And Action

Think about how you can sow to please the Spirit. Ask him for help to overcome the desire to sow to please the flesh.

Memory Verse

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Galatians 6:7