

Genesis – Family: “Waves of Deception”

Genesis 29:21-30:2

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FAMILY! Sometimes a place of solace, sometimes conflict; great experiences of harmony and joy perhaps too often interrupted by disappointment and conflict. Each of God’s children – as lumps of sin-infected-clay – being shaped and reformed and alas, transformed by His kiln into useful and beautiful “Master-pieces” by the Master’s hand. He is faithful! 1 Thess. 5:24; Phil. 1:6

Context: Jacob has proved to be a relative of integrity and honor to Laban and, thus, Laban agreed to give Rachel, his youngest daughter, to Jacob in marriage as compensation for 7 years of labor. Verse 20 tells us that to Jacob the time “seemed as but a few days because of his love for her”. Perhaps the time flew so quickly that both Jacob and Laban lost track of the time completion? Jacob, “then” says to Laban, “Give me my wife, for my time is completed, . . .”

Genesis 29:21-22

Vs. 23-25

Vs. 26-27

Vs. 28-30

Vs. 31-35

Ch. 30:1-2

What had seemed to be good - very good - made a left turn into frustration, something totally unexpected . . . and yet . . . familiar, sadly familiar. Was the LORD, the One whom he had vowed to provide ~ What's going on!

Consequences come . . . our LORD can take what the evil one means for bad AND/OR our own sin-consequences and bring good out of them. BUT it is on His schedule, in His way, according to His Truth. His grace is fully provided when we embrace our consequences, call it what it is, “sin”, repent from and turn to Him!

- ✓ There is no fence-riding - no compromise;
- ✓ Half way is No way;
- ✓ Grace in full requires repentance in full!

What part of this passage “caught your attention”?

Is God saying something to you? What is it?

How will you respond?