

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God we should commitment reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – Genesis 31:1-21**

Last week Jacob was scoring big, but his success seems to be bringing troubles. What does Jacob see happening (vss. 1-2)? Apparently, Jacob is not the only one who is noticing. Who else has noticed and what is Jacob told to do (vs. 3)? Jacob listens to God and begins to put a plan in motion. Whom does he start with and how does he explain the situation (vss. 4-13)? Whom does he describe as the cheat? How has God intervened on Jacob's behalf? What does God tell Jacob in a dream? What does this reveal about God? He does see everything, whether we are the deceiver or being deceived. What is Leah and Rachel's response to all that Jacob has said (vs. 14)? Why are they so agreeable (vss. 15-16)? What does Jacob do next (vss. 17-18)? How did he do this undetected (vs. 19)? What has Rachel brought with her (vs. 19)? What does this say about Rachel and Laban? Whom did they worship? We finish off with a very important point. What is it (vs. 20)? What does this teach us about those who deceive and those who choose to not deceive? What do you think God's point is in this statement? Where is Jacob heading (vs. 21)? What did you learn about God today? How does He help? How does he lead? What does this reveal about humanity? Are you like Rachel? Do you turn to God in times of troubles, but normally go to your idols at other times?

### **Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Genesis 31:22-42**

Today we will learn that deceivers do not like it when they feel they have been deceived back. Read verses 22-23. Who found out what and what was their response? Who intervenes in the matter (vs. 24)? What warning does God give? Does it stop Laban (vs. 25)? What does Laban accuse Jacob of doing and how does he support his claim (vss. 26-28)? What stops Laban from taking back what is Jacobs (vs. 29)? What does Laban finally accuse Jacob of doing (vs. 30)? How does Jacob respond to all these accusations (vss. 31-32)? Laban takes Jacob up on his offer. What does he find (vss. 33-35)? How does Rachel manage not to get caught (vs. 35)? We finish today with Jacob getting in Laban's face. What are Jacob's points (vss. 36-42)? Who is Jacob's defender and protector in this matter (vs. 42)? What does this reveal to us about God? What does this reveal to us about how we should live our lives? Can you trust God to take care of you even if for 20 years you were being conned and abused? When God says to leave the situation after all that time, will you have the courage to do so? Can you do so fairly and with a clean conscience? Spend some time today in prayer, thanking God for looking out for you and your welfare.

### **Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Genesis 31:43-55**

Today we say good-bye to Laban. What does Laban propose to Jacob (vss. 43-44)? What is Jacob's response (vss. 45-47)? In verses 48-49, the pile of stones is named to signify what (vss. 48-49)? Did you see that there is a meal involved with this covenant-making experience? Maybe that's where we get the concept of covered dish. We eat together as children of the new covenant. Laban gives Jacob a stiff warning in verse 50. What does he say? The rest of the oath is set in verses 51-54. What things do you see that you have read about in the experiences of Abraham and Isaac? Notice again that food is part of the covenant. What happens in verse 55? What does this teach us about making oaths/covenants with others? Why is it important to live up to your word (vs. 50)? What about your promises to God? How are you living up to your commitment to Jesus as your Lord? Do you live up to your vows in the church? How seriously do you think God takes your vows? Do you take them as seriously as God?

### **Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Genesis 32**

We begin today with Jacob back on the road home. Who does he encounter (vss. 1-2)? Scholars are not sure what this means, but suggest it was a way to reaffirm with Jacob that God was with him. Before we continue, we need to remember that when we last saw Esau, he was plotting to kill Jacob when Isaac died. Now read verses 3-5. How does Jacob try to pave the way for his return with Esau? What seems to be Esau's response (vs. 6). Needless to say, Jacob is frightened. What is his plan (vss. 7-21)? This plan boils down to these things: split the family in hopes that some will survive if attacked. Pray and remind God of his promises and ask for protection. Then lavish gifts on Esau. Not a bad plan. What is the final phase of Jacob's plan (vss. 22-23)? Where does that leave Jacob (vs. 24)? What happens while Jacob is alone in the camp (vss. 24-32)? Was the man God (vss. 28 and 30)? About what do you think Jacob was wrestling with God? Who won? Does this mean God lost? Could this be a test of Jacob's faithfulness to God? After all, Jacob has been the con, the deceiver most of his life. Then there was the change when he was with Laban. Could God be testing to see if this change was going to stick, now that Jacob was coming back home? Have you wrestled with God? Who won? Are you wrestling with God now? Could it be a test of your faithfulness? Pray, thanking God for being willing to be involved in your messy life and willing to wrestle with you, as He works to make you more faithful.

### **Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Genesis 33**

We end our study this week with the encounter between Jacob and Esau. Read verses 1-4. How did the reunion go? Now read verses 5-10. What do you think made this reunion successful? Humility has a lot to do with it. Everyone bows down before Esau. The gifts were extravagant and might be considered a restoring of what was lost, when Jacob took both the birthright and the firstborn blessing. How does Esau respond to all of this (vs. 11)? Now read verses 12-16. Why do you think Jacob turns down Esau? Does Esau seem upset (vs. 16)? Where does Jacob travel to settle (vs. 17)? How do we know he plans to stay put for a while (vss. 18-20)? Why do you think Jacob built an altar there? El-Elohe-Israel, means God, God of Israel? This name will be carried throughout the Scriptures from this point forward. God is the God of Israel. And to think. It started with Jacob.

### **Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read Genesis 35:1-7.**