THE LORD BLESSES JACOB’S FAMILY (Part 2)

Genesis 30:25–31:55

Key Verse: 31:42

1. What does Jacob ask Laban and why (30:25–26)? How does Laban respond (27–28)? How does Jacob account for this (29–30)? What does he propose (31–33)? What does Laban do (34–36)? What does Jacob do to counter this (37–43)?
2. How and why do things become difficult for Jacob there (31:1–2)? What does the LORD tell him (3)? How does Jacob explain things to Rachel and Leah (4–13), and what can we learn here about God? How do the sisters respond (14–16)?
3. How is Jacob’s departure described (17–21)? What does Laban do, and what does God tell him (22–24)? What does Laban say to Jacob (25–30)? What does Jacob say, and what does he not know (31–32)? How is the search described, and what does this suggest about Rachel and those “gods” (33–35)?
4. How does Jacob rebuke Laban (36–37)? How does he describe his life of serving him (38–41)? How does he account for his success (42)? How does Laban respond (43–44)? What is the significance of the heap of stones and the names they give that place (45–50)?
5. What are Laban’s final words to Jacob (51–53a)? What does Jacob do (53b–54)? Describe Laban’s departure (55). How did this mark a turning point in Jacob’s life? What can we learn in this passage about God?