



THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

PLEASING GOD AT WORK

GENESIS 30:25-43

As stewards of God's stuff, we need to take this to heart; it is our own responsibility, especially as husbands, so that we will not be slaves to the world's system.

- The time had come for Jacob to move his large family to his own homeland and be on his own, no longer a slave to Laban (the world)! **Prov. 22:6-7; 1 Tim. 5:8**
- The world wants to keep Christian families in bondage to the things of this world; we need to work toward breaking those ties so that we can serve the Lord.

LABAN WANTS TO KEEP YOU IN BONDAGE

- Jacob needed and wanted a new start so he would be right with His Lord, and break the bondage of Laban. Paul tells us how this happens in **Eph. 4:20-32**.
- The world is going to try to keep a grip on you through your finances—loans and credit cards. Why? Because they are making a fortune off you.
- The world has many enchantments. Don't let it fool you into living for them!

BEING AN EXAMPLE

What a witness we can be to our unsaved bosses in this world by working hard for all we have! **Col. 3:23-25**

- Jacob did not wish Laban to “give” him anything.
- The debtor is always a slave to the lender. **Prov. 22:7**
- Jacob took the hard road and paid his own way, trusting God to bless him, and Laban, too!
- Indeed, it was an act of pure faith on his part; Jacob had put himself entirely at God’s mercy.

USE YOUR HEAD

The world never plays fair, so . . .

- Use what you know! Jacob knew a great deal about sheep, goats, and cattle; and much more than Laban.
- Jacob was a very observant and intelligent man; he had apparently learned something of what we now call Mendelian genetics—both dominant and recessive genes.
- Jacob, like Daniel, believed God; he refused to *eat of the king's delicacies lest he be destroyed*. So, he beat Laban at his own game—fair and square.

IS THE BIBLE UNSCIENTIFIC?

Seriously, peeling white stripes in rods from trees?

- It is very unlikely that an external image can be transmitted through the visual cortex to the brain and signal to the DNA structure to specify certain characteristics to be triggered in the embryo.
- It is true however, that certain chemicals can and do have a significant prenatal influence, if they can reach the embryo prior to conception, by affecting the DNA in the stem cells.

WHAT WE DO KNOW: GOD WAS AT WORK

- Jacob knew the God of his fathers had intervened in a marvelous and mysterious way.
- Whatever profession you decide on, be great at it. Be disciplined, professional, shrewd, and cunning. Develop proprietary practices, protect, and patent them. Get out of debt.

***Move to your promised land in faith
and let God bless you.***