



The LORD Keeps All His Promises!
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Genesis 30:22-32, 43

“The little you had before I came has increased greatly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I have been. But now, when may I do something for my own household?”
(Genesis 30:30).

When the LORD met Jacob at “Jacob’s Ladder,” He told Jacob, “I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you” (Genesis 28:15). When Jacob reached Haran, he bargained with Laban to marry Rachel by paying Laban seven years of labor as a shepherd, but Laban deceived Jacob and forced him to marry Leah, Rachel’s sister, for seven more years of labor. At the end of fourteen years, Jacob possessed only his wives and children, for all his wages went to Laban. But the LORD was with Jacob, and when Jacob told Laban he wanted to return home, Laban bargained again to keep Jacob working for wages. Laban knew that the LORD was with Jacob and that was why his possessions had increased greatly. Knowing how Laban could cheat him, Jacob declined wages; instead, he bargained with Laban to work for all the striped, speckled, and spotted sheep and goats. As Jacob shepherded Laban’s white flock, miraculously they produced a striped, speckled, and spotted flock for Jacob. As He promised, the LORD was with

Jacob, and when Jacob finally left for home he was “exceedingly prosperous and came to own large flocks, and female and male servants, and camels and donkeys” (Genesis 30:43). Jacob had enough possessions that when he returned home, he did not need the birthright he had stolen; instead, by giving rich gifts to Esau, he made peace with his brother.

Thinking Further

1. What are one or more experiences that Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel had in common?
2. When Jacob talked to Laban, what did Jacob want to return home with?
3. What did Laban tell Jacob about the LORD?
4. What were some of the qualifications for a job with Laban that Jacob gave Laban?
5. What did Jacob want Laban to give him if he went back to work for him? What were the results?

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