

# ***Trinity Bible Church***

*The Carpenter's House*

**March 13, 2011**

*The Message:  
Blessings for the Unloved  
Genesis 29:31-35*

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*Please join us for refreshments between services*

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## **Calendar:**

Sunday      Mar 13      Daylight Savings Time begins.  
Wednesday   Mar 16      Angelic Conflict-How Shall We Now Live?  
Sunday      Mar 27      Deacon's Meeting.

- \*\* Anyone who is a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is welcome to partake of the Lord's Table.
- \*\* New Directories are available. Please take what you need.
- \*\* Thanksgiving that the Benevolence Fund now has benevolent funds.
- \*\* Be in prayer for the Promises Book. Dan's notebook was stolen with all the working papers in it. Please resend the work you have done as soon as possible. Please email them at [danhardy09@gmail.com](mailto:danhardy09@gmail.com)

	February	Total 2011	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 11,451.00	\$18,211.00			\$1,735.00
Expenses	7,782.38	15,199.25			2,660.00
Balance	\$3,368.62	\$ 3,011.75	\$17,902.11	\$7,303.89	\$ -925.00

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

### *Hymns*

*The Message:  
Being a Witness*

**God Blesses Leah.  
Genesis 29:31-35**

Genesis 29:31-32 = Discipline or Blessing?

L.T. Now YAHWEH saw that Leah was being hated, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. (32) Leah conceived and bore a son and named him Reuben, for she said, "Because YAHWEH has seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me." (33) Then she conceived again and bore a son and said, "Because YAHWEH has heard that I am being hated, He has therefore given me this {son} also." So she named him Simeon.

Reuben: Look a son  
Simeon: Answer to prayer

Genesis 29:34 = Levi-Attachment.

L.T. She conceived again and bore a son and said, "Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore he was named Levi.

Principle: True \_\_\_\_\_ is not gained by manipulation.

Principle: Love based on \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 29:35 = Judah-Praise.

L.T. And she conceived again and bore a son and said, "This time I will praise YAHWEH." Therefore she named him Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

Principle: A major step of life is to simply \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord for His blessings.

## Genesis 30

- B. Four People: (Gen 12-50)**
1. Abraham (the father of faith and the nation Israel) (12-23)
  2. Isaac (the beloved son of promise) (24-26)
  3. Jacob (scheming and chastening) (27-36)
    - I. Rachel's Surrogate-Bilhah. 30:1-8

Genesis 30:1 = Rachel's Demand.

L.T. Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she became jealous of her sister; and she said to Jacob, "Give me sons, and if they do not come into existence, I am going to die."

### Summary:

1. Rachel is obsessed with something that her good looks can't provide.
2. Envy-Jealousy: same word in Hebrew and Greek. Envy is about what others have, jealousy is about what you have. They are two sides of the same coin driven by selfishness, greed and a lack of grace.
3. This is a resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another with an inordinate desire to have a similar advantage. It is closely connected to a multitude of other sins.
4. There is a valid jealousy that desires to protect what is owned or allotted to one's care, such as the Lord has with Israel, or a man may have toward his wife. Deut 32:15-16,21 cf Num 5:11-15, 29-31
5. If unchecked sinful envy can expand into other areas of life and cause massive damage. Matt 27:18
6. Envy is a characteristic of an unbeliever. Rom 1:28-32
7. Envy is clearly a work of the flesh. Gal 5:19-22
8. Envy can motivate to attack Christians, even within the body of Christ. Phil 1:15-18
9. Envy can lead to unhealthy doctrine. 1 Tim 6:3-7
10. Believers do not have to live like unbelievers. Titus 3:3-7
11. Envy must be consciously battled. 1 Pet 2:1-4
12. Some sinful areas of envy:
  - A. Others wealth. Gen 26:14
  - B. Others children. Gen 30:1
  - C. Others enlightenment. Gen 37:11
  - D. The wages of wrongdoers. Psa 37:1-3
  - E. Self-confidence. Psa 73:1-3
  - F. The position of others. Psa 106:16-18
  - G. The violent man. Prov 3:31-32
  - H. Sinners. Prov 23:17
  - I. Evil men. Prov 24:1-2
  - J. The wicked. Prov 24:19-20
  - K. Siblings. Isa 11:13
13. Envy can lead to irrational evaluations of circumstances. Gen 30:1

## *Being a Witness*

1. A witness is someone who has firsthand knowledge of a significant event, perceived through the senses, who can testify to facts concerning the event.
2. Embrace who you are in Christ.
3. Live the Designer's Purpose.
4. Master the Battle Plan.
5. The Trinity's Involvement.
6. Principles of Witnessing: Php 2:5-8
  - A. Learn from other true witnesses. John 1:6-8
  - B. Know the Master you seek to please. Rom 10:1-4
  - C. Be Spiritually Sober, for there is an enemy waiting to devour us. 1 Pet 5:8-11
    1. This is especially true of the last days. 1 Thes 5:1-11
    2. We must not be distracted. 2 Tim 4:1-5
    3. We must focus. 1 Pet 1:13
    4. It is required for prayer. 1 Pet 4:7-10
  - D. Be Truly \_\_\_\_\_ . John 1:14-20
  - E. Hold to the \_\_\_\_\_ as the Standard. John 5:30-47
  - F. Do good \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ's name for they are the markers. John 10:25-30
  - G. Seek to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Truth. 2 Cor 13:1-2
  - H. Honestly \_\_\_\_\_ others for God. 1 Thes 2:1-7
  - I. A transformed life of love is the best \_\_\_\_\_ of our God. Rom 12:1-4
7. Externally, \_\_\_\_\_ itself is a witness of your witness. Heb 12:1-3
8. Internally, the \_\_\_\_\_ is a witness of attitudes, speech and actions. Rom 2:14-16