

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

May 8, 2011

*The Message:
Confrontations
Genesis 31:22-35*

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday May 8 Happy Mother's Day.
Wednesday May 11 Dispensational Transitions.
Saturday May 14 Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ The Runway.
Sunday May 29 Memorial Day Communion.

** A new study has begun on Wednesday nights that will consider the time between the testaments and into the early part of the Church Age up to the close of the Canon. It will analyze the culture in which the Lord lived and teach valuable principles about the times in which we live.

** Be in prayer for the Promises Book. Please resend any work you have done as soon as possible. Please email them at danhardy09@gmail.com

	March	Total 2011	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 9,550.00	\$27,761.00			\$5,115.00
Expenses	10,588.31	25,915.14			5,620.00
Balance	\$ -1,038.31	\$ 1,845.86	\$16,736.22	\$ 7,633.89	\$ -505.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

Being A Witness.

VILLAGE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Confrontations *Genesis 31:22-35*

- q. Laban's Deceit. 31:1-16
- r. Laban Deceived. 31:17-21
- s. Laban Pursues. 31:22-32

Genesis 31:22-23 = Beginning to Backfire.

L.T. When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled, (23) then he took his kinsmen with him and pursued him {a distance of} seven days' journey, and he adhered to him in the hill country of Gilead.

Principle: Fear of _____ is a great motivator.

Genesis 31:24 = Divine Warning.

L.T. God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream of the night and said to him, "Guard yourself that you do not speak to Jacob from good *speech* arriving at evil."

Summary:

1. This is a clear case of divine intervention.
2. The warning is to not say good things with evil intent.
3. To go against God's directive will and persuade Jacob to stay would be evil.

Principle: God has many _____ available to keep His promises.

Genesis 31:25-26 = Contact Established.

L.T. Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his kinsmen camped in the hill country of Gilead. (26) Then Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done by deceiving me and carrying away my daughters like captives of the sword?"

Principle: Self-absorbed people often _____ with their perceptions of others' flaws.

Principle: Self-absorbed people are often _____ to their own problems.

Genesis 31:27-28 = Just Can't Help Himself.

L.T. "Why did you flee secretly and deceive me, and did not tell me so that I might have sent you away with joy and with songs, with timbrel and with lyre; (28) and did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Now you have done foolishly.

Principle: Self-absorbed people love _____ and use _____.

Genesis 31:29 = Laban Paid Attention.

L.T. "It is in my power to do you harm, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, Be careful that you do not speak to Jacob from good *speech* arriving at evil."

Principle: Evil people dwell others' _____ and not their own.

Genesis 31:30-31 = Huh?

L.T. "Now you have indeed gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house; {but} why did you steal my gods?" (31) Then Jacob replied to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force.

Principle: Fear generated from lack of _____ in God's promises leads to many bad decisions.

Genesis 31:32 = Death Penalty.

L.T. "The one with whom you find your gods shall not live; in the presence of our kinsmen point out what is yours among my belongings and take {it} for yourself." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

Principle: Speaking too quickly in the heat of the moment can limit future _____.

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- s. Laban Pursues. 31:22-32
- t. Rachel's Deceit. 31:33-35

Genesis 31:33-35 = Laban's Inspection.

L.T. So Laban went into Jacob's tent and into Leah's tent and into the tent of the two maids, but he did not find {them.} Then he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's tent. (34) Now Rachel had taken the teraphim and put them in the camel's saddle, and she sat on them. And Laban felt through all the tent but did not find {them.} (35) She said to her father, "Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women is upon me." So he searched but did not find the teraphim.

Summary:

1. The search rebukes several people.
2. Laban should be searching for wisdom. Prov 2:1-6
3. Idolatry:
 - A. Comes in many forms. Col 3:5-11
 - B. Is a work of the flesh. Gal 5:19-22
 - C. Is possible for believers who do not rely on God. 1 Cor 10:13-15

Principle: Idolaters can become quite good at _____ their idols.

Being A Witness.

9. The "Last Days" of the Church will be known for hypocrisy.

2 Tim 3:1-5

F. The Last One-A Façade of Faith. 2 Tim 3:5

L.T. and E.T. = the men of the last days doing these eighteen things are holding as a manner of life to an outward appearance of devotion to God, although they themselves chose and are not using the Spirit-given power of godliness; such people as these, turn away from.

Summary:

1. Both _____ and _____ can be involved in this pseudo-godliness.
2. The point of this verse: There is a pseudo-godliness that _____ real but is not. We are to avoid those who promote it. Jude 1:4
3. There is a power in godliness brought by the _____ (Acts 1:8; Rom 1:4) that is designed to transform (Rom 12:1-3).
 - A. He desires to fill us with all the _____ of God.
Eph 3:14-21
 - B. The power driven fellowship with the Holy Spirit brings _____ . Rom 15:13
4. What is true godliness? Godliness is _____ to the right people, places, things and events. 2 Tim 2:19-26
5. Ungodliness is _____ to the wrong people, places, things and events.
6. Like faith, the test is not the devotion but the _____.
Acts 17:23-24
7. What is godliness?
 - A. It is revealed by Jesus Christ Himself, so of necessity it involves becoming _____ Him. 1 Tim 3:16
 - B. In essence it is the _____ of the Christian Life.
1 Tim 6:3-6

- C. As a doctrine it is an outgrowth of revealed _____.
Titus 1:1
- D. It is the correct _____ to God's saving grace.
Titus 2:11-14
- E. Since "ungodliness" is marked by the violation of certain standards, godliness involves their _____. 1 Tim 1:8-11
- F. It is _____ - _____ to God. 1 Tim 5:3-4
8. How is godliness first acquired?
- A. Realize that ungodliness is not the _____ sin. Rom 4:5
- B. Since all are sinners and thus _____, realize that Christ died for the _____. Rom 5:6
- C. So without faith in Jesus Christ the godless are _____.
1 Pet 4:17-19
- D. Faith in Jesus Christ renders one "born again" and thus begins one's "godly" _____ as a New Creation.
2 Cor 5:17-19
- E. It is open to _____ mankind. Acts 10:1-8
- F. Remember that the Christian Life of godliness is a _____ walk in _____. Col 2:6
9. How is godliness developed?
- A. _____ it is possible and desirable in your life. 2 Pet 1:3
- B. _____ and handle _____ God's Word. 2 Tim 2:15-17
- C. Seek to _____ the words of Jesus Christ. Jude 1:17-18
- D. _____ it. 1 Tim 2:1-2
- E. _____ it. 1 Tim 6:11-12
- F. Exercise _____ - _____. 1 Tim 4:7-8
- G. Realize its _____. Acts 3:12-13
- H. Realize there is an ongoing _____ with ungodliness to consistently deny it. Titus 2:11-13