

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

May 15, 2011

*The Message:
Confrontations: Jacob's Turn
Genesis 31:36-42*

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday May 18 Dispensational Transitions.
Sunday May 22 Deacons' Meeting.
Sunday May 29 Memorial Day Communion.

- ** Joanne Martin is having a "down-sizing" garage sale this weekend preparing to move into an apartment. 732 Stag Trail, Edmond. Anytime.
- ** 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

	April	Total 2011	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 8,011.00	\$35,772.00			\$5,115.00
Expenses	8,625.95	34,541.09			5,620.00
Balance	\$ -614.95	\$ 1,230.91	\$16,121.27	\$ 7,303.89	\$ -505.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

*Hymns
Being A Witness.*

u. Jacob Rebukes Laban. 31:36-42

Genesis 31:36 = Jacob's Turn.

L.T. Then Jacob became angry and contended with Laban; and Jacob said to Laban, "What is my transgression? What is my sin that you have hotly pursued me?"

Summary:

1. Transgressions refer to rejection of duly established authority.
2. Sins have to do with violations of a specific standard. Rom 4:15; 5:13

Principle: It is valid to ask for _____ when you are the recipient of charges of wrongdoing. John 8:45-47

Genesis 31:37 = The Call for a Jury.

L.T. "Though you have felt through all my goods, what have you found of all your household goods? Set {it} here before my kinsmen and your kinsmen, that they may decide between us two.

Principle: Be willing for the truth to be _____.

Genesis 31:38-39 = The Facts-You Were Blessed.

L.T. "These twenty years I {have been} with you; your ewes and your female goats did not lose their young, nor have I eaten the rams of your flocks. (39) "That which was torn {of beasts} I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself. You required it of my hand {whether} stolen by day or stolen by night.

Principle: At times the "unfruitful deeds of darkness" must be _____.

Genesis 31:40-41 = The Facts-My Effort.

L.T. "{Thus} I was: by day the heat consumed me and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes. (41) "These twenty years I have been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock, and you changed my wages ten times.

Summary:

1. Jacob has been keeping track of transgressions.
2. When there is no "repentance" the list piles up. Cf Gen 6, 18
3. Jacob would be able to offer proof if requested.

Genesis 31:42 = The Facts-God's Intervention.

L.T. "If the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the dread of Isaac, had not been for me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the toil of my hands, so He rendered judgment last night."

Summary:

1. It often takes a crisis for us to testify to the greatness of God.
 - A. God wanted Jacob to do this before he left.
 - B. Then the witness would have been unclouded with Jacob's own problems.
2. Jacob enumerates Laban's business dealings.
 - A. He didn't follow common practices.
 - B. He changed Jacob's wages ten times.
 - C. Had no consideration for his physical well-being.
 - D. He was driven by greed that was even at the expense of family.
3. He then presents his personal actions, open for "cross-examination" by the herdsmen.
 - A. He did nothing to warrant criticism.
 - B. He took special care of the flocks.
 - C. He performed above and beyond.
 - D. He gave 20 yrs of diligent service.
 - E. He is appreciative of the grace of God.
4. Laban just received a bible class.
 - A. His evil intentions were only trumped by God Himself.
 - B. And the fear of retribution from his brother-in-law, the father of Jacob.
5. Jacob was spiritually advancing.
6. He saw God's purpose in the pressure. 1 Pet 4:12-17
7. Jacob understands Laban's dream, but Laban is still in a "dream world."

Principle: There can come a time to tell the authority that they have been _____.

Principle: God does not _____ the honorable work you have done. Heb 6:9-12

Principle: The key in any situation is to be _____ . Php 2:14-17

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 unbelievers and believers can be involved in this pseudo-godliness.
2. The point of this verse: There is a pseudo-godliness that looks 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 Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8; Rom 1:4) that is designed to transform (Rom 12:1-3).
4. Godliness is devotion 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 object. Acts 17:23-24
7. What is godliness?
 - A. It is revealed by Jesus Christ Himself, so of necessity it involves becoming like Him. 1 Tim 3:16
 - B. In essence it is the doctrine of the Christian Life. 1 Tim 6:3-6
 - C. As a doctrine it is an outgrowth of revealed truth. 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
 - G. It is not found in the 18 things previously listed, so it is not:
 1. Narcissistic, but spreading spiritual love.
 2. Greedy, but giving.
 3. Pretending to be great, but real.
 4. An elitist, but humble.
 5. Blasphemers, but worshippers.
 6. Unpersuaded by godly parents, but persuaded by them.
 7. Without grace, but gracious.
 8. Experientially unholy, but obedient to God.
 9. Lacking natural affection, but loving the family.
 10. Promise breakers, but promise keepers.

11. Slanderers, but encouragers.
12. Lacking self-control, but is self-disciplined.
13. Brutal, but gentle.
14. Friends of evil, but friends of good,
15. Spiritual traitors, but spiritually loyal.
16. Unbalanced, but balanced.
17. Phony, but genuine.
18. Hedonists, but lovers of God.

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