

THE LORD BLESSES JACOB WITH CHILDREN
GOD FULFILLS HIS WORD IN SPITE OF A SINFUL SITUATION
Genesis 29:31-30:24

I. GOD'S GRACE IN SPITE OF JACOB'S SINFUL REJECTION: Leah desperately seeks Jacob's love through bearing him children (29:31-35)

A. The Lord saw Leah was unloved by Jacob and He opened her womb (31)

B. Leah sadly tries to get her husband to love her by bearing children (32-34)

C. Leah finally gives the Lord the praise (35)

II. GOD'S GRACE IN SPITE OF RACHEL'S SINFUL JEALOUSY: Rachel, who is barren, sinfully seeks children to relieve her reproach (30:1-13)

A. Rachel's jealousy leads to an impossible demand of Jacob and thus sinful plan to get children through her maid (1-8)

B. Rachel's jealousy and sinful plan seemingly leads Leah to the same (9-13)

III. GOD'S GRACE IN SPITE OF RACHEL'S LACK OF FAITH: Rachel again takes things into her own hands (14-24)

A. Rachel's plan backfires and God gives heed to Leah's prayers (14-21)

B. God gives heed Rachel's prayers (22-24)

IV. LESSONS WE NEED TO LEARN