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we will begin with ch 31

The subject of ch 31 is home coming

1st, Jacob decides to return home

1-16

2nd, Jacob's family departs

17-21

3rd, Laban pursues Jacob

Laban pursues and searches for Jacob

22-35

4th, Jacob rebukes Laban.

Jacob rebukes Laban.

again Jacob rebukes Laban.

36-42

5th, the pillar of stone for the covenant

43-55

In the passage today, is the account of Jacob going back to his home land of Canaan.

read v. 1: Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, "Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father."

read v. 2: And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been.

Read worked in Laban's home for 20 years.

He worked for free for 14 years

Then he worked hard for 6 years.

And with God's grace became very wealthy.

But Laban's sons became jealous

They said Jacob is stealing all our Father's property

So even Laban's attitude changed toward Jacob.

They began to fight over material things.

The reason why Jacob became so wealthy is because God blessed him

He did not steal Laban's property

He worked hard and diligently

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read v. 3: Then the Lord said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you."

God told Jacob to go back to his family.

He promised Jacob to be with him.

to pick up everything and depart from his uncle is not an easy thing to do.

But he made a hard decision to do.

He believed that God would guard his way

read v. 7: yet your father has cheated me by changing my wages ten times. However, God has not allowed him to harm me.

His uncle had changed his wages 7 times

But God made him prosperous even in this situation.

So it is God who must take the credit for his success.

read v. 11: The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.'

read v. 12: And he said, 'Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you.

So the angel of God appeared in a dream and said that he has seen all that Laban had done to Jacob

So Jacob told his wives of his plan to return home.

So Jacob told his wives that the God of Bethel had told him to return home.
Rachel and Leah told him to do all that God commanded.

They said that their father had sold them and used up all their dowry.

But this is not a right attitude toward their father.

Their father had not wasted their money.

They had forgotten the good their father had done for them.

They were not grateful to their father.

This is not the proper attitude of children to have.

read v. 17: Then Jacob put his children and his wives on camels,

read v. 18: and he drove all his livestock ahead of him, along with all the goods he had accumulated in Paddan Aram,^[a] to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan.

So Jacob's family left secretly.

They left without saying a word to Laban and fled in secret.

This was not a right thing to do to Laban.

20 years ago Jacob had come to Laban empty handed.

But in 20 years he had many sons

got 4 wives

and gather much prosperous

So in forgetting the grace given him and fleeing in secret is wrong.

read v. 22-23: On the third day Laban was told that Jacob had fled. **23** Taking his relatives with him, he pursued Jacob for seven days and caught up with him in the hill country of Gilead.

Laban found out about Jacob's flight within 3 days.

So Laban's company pursued Jacob

And in 7 days caught up with him in Gilead.

read v. 24: Then God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream at night and said to him, "Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad."

At that night God appeared to Laban in a dream.

He warned him not to say anything to Jacob either good or bad.

God told Laban not to harm Jacob.

Laban caught up with Jacob.

read v. 29: I have the power to harm you; but last night the God of your father said to me, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.'

God prevented Laban from harming Jacob

read v. 30 : Now you have gone off because you longed to return to your father's household. But why did you steal my gods?"

Then Jacob explains himself

He says that he fled in secret because he feared that Laban would take back his wives.

This is Jacob's error.

No matter how greedy Laban might have been it is unlikely he would have taken back his daughters by force.

And Laban asked for his household idols.

But he couldn't find them. read v. 35: Rachel said to her father, "Don't be angry, my lord, that I cannot stand up in your presence; I'm having my period." So he searched but could not find the household gods.

Rachel had stolen his father's idols

She had hid them in the camel's saddle and was sitting on them.

When Laban came in she lied saying she was unable to stand because of her menstruation.

Rachel had stolen her father's belongings, lied, and had deceived him.

read v. 36: Jacob was angry and took Laban to task. "What is my crime?" he asked Laban. "How have I wronged you that you hunt me down?"

Jacob retaliated and began to rebuke Laban

read v. 38: "I have been with you for twenty years now. Your sheep and goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten rams from your flocks.

Jacob said that he has done no harm to Laban in the 20 years he's been with him.

He said he had toiled for him enduring the cold at night and the heat of the day without any sound sleep.

He confesses that that were it not for God's help he would have no possessions right now.

read v. 43: Laban answered Jacob, "The women are my daughters, the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks. All you see is mine. Yet what can I do today about these daughters of mine, or about the children they have borne?"

Laban knew that Jacob had come to him with nothing twenty years ago.

But now had plenty.

Jacobs wives are his daughters.

Also the flock came from his flock

So all these things are Laban's.

But from Jacob's point of view these possessions came from his hard work.

In this way, when we look at a situation only from our perspective we can not help but to fight.

We need to consider the other person's perspective.

And we need to recognize that all that we have actually belong to God.

read v. 45: So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a pillar.

So they set up a pillar of stone between Jacob and Laban as a boundary marker.

So from v. 48-49 Laban called it Mizpah as a witness of a covenant.

It means a heap of witness

He also called it Galeed according to v. 48

This also means a heap of witness.

It stood as a witness between Laban and Jacob that they would not harm each other in any way.

read v. 52: This heap is a witness, and this pillar is a witness, that I will not go past this heap to your side to harm you and that you will not go past this heap and pillar to my side to harm me.

They promised each other not to pass into each others territory with ill intentions.

They made an oath in the name of God.

read v. 53: May the God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us."

So Jacob took an oath in the name of the Fear of his father Isaac.

They made the vow in the name of God.

read vv. 54-55: He offered a sacrifice there in the hill country and invited his relatives to a meal. After they had eaten, they spent the night there.

55 Early the next morning Laban kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them. Then he left and returned home.

Laban woke up next morning in peace and blessed his daughters and grandchildren and returned home.

Although Laban first pursued Jacob with anger he received God's grace and returned home in peace.

He made peace with Jacob.

Prov. 16:7

In conclusion, by God's grace they were able to make peace and bless one another.

This concludes the lecture on ch 31

Now we will begin the lecture on ch 32

The subject of ch 32 is wrestling

in v.21 Jacob wrestled with an angel

1st, the angel of God leads the way.

1-2

2nd, Jacob appeases Esau's heart.

3-5

3rd, Esau comes with 400 men

6-8

4th, Jacob prays

9-12

5th, Jacob sends gifts to Esau

13-20

6th, Jacob sends his children and rest of his possessions.

21-23

7th, Jacob wrestles with an angel

24-32

There is an account of Jacob praying to God.

read v. 1: Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

read v. 2: When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of God!" So he named that place Mahanaim.

On his way back home, Jacob encountered angels of God.

God had sent the angels to protect him and his family.

They are angels from God.

in v. 2, Jacob called the place Mahanaim.

Mahanaim means troops of angels.

When we walk by faith obedient to God's word, God will send angels to protect us.

When we take a step of faith God will send his angels to help us.

Heb 1:14

Ps 34:10

read v. 3: Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

Jacob send messengers to Esau who was in Seir.

He wanted to know how Esau felt about him.

20 years ago he had wanted to kill him.

He wanted to know if he still harbored bitterness in his heart.

So Jacob did not have faith in God.

God had commanded Jacob to back to his home land and that He would protect him.

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God told Jacob to return to his family and said that he would protect him.

But Jacob lacked faith as evidenced by the people he sent ahead of him to Esau.

read v. 6: When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."

But the messengers said that Esau was coming to meet him with 400 men.

Uh oh

time to worry

Jacob is in big trouble if Esau had ill feelings toward him

If Esau was bitter as in the past, his wives and children will lose their lives.

The 20 years of hard labor will come to naught.

However, this is God's way of making Jacob repent of his past actions.

His faith faltered during the 20 years he spent with his uncle.

He backslid in his faith

So God is trying to make Jacob repent.

To make him depend on God

to pray to God.

from v. 9, Jacob begins to pray to God

For the first time in 20 years he prayed fervently to God.

He had lost his faith in getting married and trying to make a living.
He had no time to sincerely pray to God.

But at this time he prayed fervently to God.

This prayer is for God to save him from his brother's hands.

But what should have been his prayer?

If Jacob had truly repented and depended on God he would have entrusted his children to God.

He would have entrusted all his possessions to God

Whether life or death he would have trusted in God

He would have believed that God would work things out for good.

But he did not have this faith

read v. 13-14: He spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau: **14** two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

Jacob prepared a lot of gifts for Esau

He divided the gifts into many flocks and sent them one by one to Esau.

He was trying to soften Esau's heart

He was trying to change any ill-feelings his brother might have toward him.

Its good to give gifts

But using gifts as a bribe to manipulate others is wrong.

Its up to God to soften hearts.

Therefore, it is right for Jacob to pray sincerely to God

read v. 21-23: So Jacob's gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp. **22** That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. **23** After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.

He sent the gifts first then he had his wives and children cross the Jabbok river.

So he was left alone.

And there he prayed fervently to God

The Jabbok river flows into the Jordan river from the east from Gilead.

From the East

It flows into the Jordan River.

read v. 24: So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.

So Jacob wanted an answer from God

He wanted an answer to his prayer before crossing the Jabbok

At that time someone wrestled with Jacob.

This person was an angel of God.

This was God in angelic form

Hosea 12:3-4

God appeared in the form of an angel

What does this wrestling mean?

This is not a physical struggle

It is a spiritual struggle.

This symbolizes prayer

It teaches about the struggle in prayer. Just as one wrestles a person so one wrestles in prayer.

If God did not provide an answer Jacob feared he would be killed by his brother.

That is why he prayed to God with all his heart.

read v. 25: When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

Here, Jacob and the angel wrestled.

Why did they wrestle?

Jacob was asking God in prayer to save him.

But God was telling Jacob to repent.

Jacob asks God to save him.

God tells Jacob to repent.

The fight all night.

But Jacob does not repent.

The angel said that he can not beat Jacob.

God is trying to make Jacob repent but he does not budge.

Therefore, God touched the socket of Jacobs hip.

This socket is connected to Jacob's hip.

So his hip was wrenched because God touched it.

And Jacob could not walk

So Jacob repented

He surrendered to God and repented.

He repented of his sins

he repented of his lack of prayer

and for not believing in God.

He also repented of trusting in material riches and not depending in God.

And he made up his mind to do as God willed.

Matt. 26:39

Jacob submitted completely to God

So God won.

God won but so did Jacob.

read v. 26: Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."
But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

Jacob asked God to bless him.

read v 27-28: The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, **[f]** because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

God changed Jacob's name to Israel.

Israel means “to have won in a struggle with God.”

Jacob wrestled with God and won.

His victory was in repenting

He submitted to God

So God won and Jacob won

Both won the wrestling match

God won because he made Jacob repent.

Jacob won because he repented and surrendered to God.

And God protected Jacob.

Therefore, Jacob became victorious because he surrendered to God's will.

We must be like Jacob and become “Israel”

Jacob entrusted everything to God.

He was struck in his hip and surrendered to God.

Whether life or death he surrendered all to God.

He entrusted his children and wives to God

He entrusted all his possessions to God whether in loss or gain.

This is a sign that Jacob had truly repented.

Which made both God and Jacob winners

Jacob means “to grasp the heel”

But Israel means “to have won in a struggle with God”

God's character had changed.

In the past, Jacob childishly competed with others.

He tried to win over people.

But he became a man who struggled with God and won.

He became a new man.

We should be like Jacob, renewing our hearts and become Israel.

read v. 29-30: Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, **[g]** saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

Jacob called the place Peniel.

Peniel means to see God face to face

Jacob realized that the angel was God

God had appeared as an angel

read v. 31-32: The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, **[h]** and he was limping because of his hip. **32** Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

The sun arose above him.

It was the same sun that rose.

But this sun was special because it rose in his victory.

The sun looked more magnificent looking at it with a renewed heart.

Ps 8:1

In ch 32, Jacob struggled with God and won.

When we are face with difficulties in life, we should like Jacob pray fervently to God.

And not pray according to our wishes only but according to God's will

We should give our physical problems into God's hands and simply trust in him

More importantly, we need to be like Jacob, our character changing to Israel.

Like Israel we must become noble Christians.

Christians who meet with God, pray, and walk with God.

We have finished ch 32

We will now begin the lec. on ch 33

The subject of ch 33 is "brotherly peace"

1st, Esau welcomes Jacob

1-7

2nd, Jacob gives gifts to Esau

8-11

3rd, Esau's suggestion and Jacob's denial

12-16

4th, Jacob settles in Sukkoth, Shechem.

Jacob dwelt in Sukkoth and Shechem.

17-20

In the passage today Jacob and Esau finally meet again.

read v. 1: Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants.

Jacob took his wives and children and went toward Esau.

He went ahead first and bowed to him.

He introduced his family to his brother

read v. 3: He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

He bowed 7 times before his brother.

This is overtly self-defecating act.

His show of humility before Esau is extreme.

read v. 4: But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.

Esau had put away any thought of malice and revenge toward Jacob.

Esau received his younger brother with joy.

He had forgiven his brother.

This is because God had soften his heart.

God had changed a bitter heart.

Prov 16:7

Prov 21:1 says that God can change the hearts of kings as he changes the course of water.

Prov. 21:1

read v. 8: Esau asked, "What's the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?"
"To find favor in your eyes, my lord," he said.

Esau asked about all the gift Jacob had sent ahead.

These were gifts to find favor before Esau Jacob replied.

read v. 10: "No, please!" said Jacob. "If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably.

Jacob said that seeing his brother's face was like looking at the face of God.

This was Jacob attempt to flatter Esau

read v. 12: Then Esau said, “Let us be on our way; I’ll accompany you.”

read v. **13** But Jacob said to him, “My lord knows that the children are tender and that I must care for the ewes and cows that are nursing their young. If they are driven hard just one day, all the animals will die.

Esau said that he would lead Jacob along the way

But Jacob made an excuse saying that the children and the animals would not be able to keep up.

read v. 14: So let my lord go on ahead of his servant, while I move along slowly at the pace of the flocks and herds before me and the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir.”

He said he would catch up with his brother at Seir.

But Jacob had not intention of going to Seir from the start.

This was also a lie.

He deceived his brother again.

And Jacob went to Succoth

read v. 17: Jacob, however, went to Sukkoth, where he built a place for himself and made shelters for his livestock. That is why the place is called Sukkoth.

Jacob went to Succoth and built a place for himself

He did not keep his promise with his brother

And actually, he should have went to meet his father.

He should have visited his father Isaac

His father was in Hebron

35:27

He should have first said hi to his father

This is being obedient to God’s word.

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But he made a temporary shelter in Succoth and dwelt there.

read v. 18: After Jacob came from Paddan Aram,[b] he arrived safely at the city of Shechem in Canaan and camped within sight of the city.

Then he went near the city of Shechem.

He built his camp there.

read v 19-20: For a hundred pieces of silver,[c] he bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, the plot of ground where he pitched his tent. **20** There he set up an altar and called it El Elohe Israel.

with a 100 pieces of silver he bought a plot of land.

And there he set up an altar to God.

But had come all the way to Shechem but he still had not visited his father.

Shechem was not the place he should have made a dwelling for himself.

Later, Jacob will undergo hardship because he stayed in the area near Shechem.

When we seek to follow God we must not obey him just partially.

It is important to obey God fully and completely

We have completed the lec. on ch 33

This concludes lec. 16 on Genesis.

Thank you.