

Genesis 29:1-30
God's Refinement of Jacob Begins
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1 Pet. 1:6-7.

In our last study of Gen. 28:10-22 we saw the beginning of Jacob's journey to Haran.

- Jacob was running for his life.
- Jacob journeyed through potential dangers as he made a journey by himself that he had never taken before.
- In this hard and dangerous place God graciously revealed Himself. Verses 13-15.
- In these words, God established the covenant with Jacob.
- Jacob had a compromised response to God's gracious revelation.

In tonight's passage we begin to study a 20-year period in God's refinement of Jacob which will be a lifelong process that will transform Jacob from the one who grabs the heel to the one who Heb. 11:21 says that "...when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff."

I. God's Faithfulness and Providence Begin Jacob's Refinement (1-9)

II. The Familial Setting of Jacob's Refinement (10-20)

Gen. 24 presents a very similar episode. What are the similarities and differences between the episode in Gen. 24 and the episode in verses 1-14?

III. The Heat of Deception in Jacob's Refinement (21-30)

What effects might the deception that Jacob experienced at the hands of Laban and the years of labor to gain Rachel's hand in marriage have had on Jacob's character?

What situations or circumstances has God use to refine you and in what ways has He refined you?

Application:

- We should not follow the example of Jacob in this passage.
- We should remember that we will reap what we sow. **Gal. 6:7-8.**
- We should trust in the Lord as He refines us, **1 Pet. 1:6-7, Jam. 1:2-4.**
- "Pray your way through the day."