

Sermon Notes

Title: "The Violation of Dinah"

Text: Genesis 34:1-31

Theme: A terrible situation struck Jacob's family, and he was passive instead of decisive. Yet God preserved the covenant family from the danger of being absorbed into the surrounding sinful culture. We can be confident that God will accomplish His purpose for our life, but let's also be watchful and vigilant.



I. Dinah Is _____ (1-7)

II. A _____ and _____ Offer
(8-12)

III. Jacob's Sons' _____ for Accepting
the Offer (13-19a)

IV. The Perpetrator Addresses the _____
_____ (19b-24)

V. Jacob's Sons _____ the Town (25-29)

VI. Jacob _____ Simeon and Levi (30-31)

VII. Applications

A. _____ have a crucial role to establish and guide
the _____ of their family.

B. God kept the covenant family _____ from the
Canaanites.

C. God has reclaimed _____ for us _____
and _____ in the death and resurrection of His
only begotten Son, Christ Jesus

Questions to Answer Based on the Text:

1. What was the occasion that led to the events recorded in this chapter? What was the name of the young lady involved? (v. 1)?
2. What specifically happened to this young lady? What was the young man's name? Who was he? (v. 2)?
3. What was the young man's attitude toward the girl after what he did to her? What did he want (vv. 3-4)?
4. How did Jacob react to the news about his daughter (v. 5)?
5. How did Jacob's sons react to this news (v. 7)?
6. What did the young man and his father propose to Jacob's sons (vv. 9-10)?
7. What did Jacob's sons propose should be done (vv. 13-17)?
8. Why did the people of the city agree to the terms demanded by Jacob's sons (vv. 20-24)?
9. What happened after the men of the city agreed? Who were the "ringleaders" among Jacob's sons in this action (vv. 25-26)?
10. What did the other sons of Jacob do to the people of the city (vv. 27-29)?
11. How did Jacob react to what his sons did? What was Jacob's attitude (v. 30)?
12. How did two of Jacob's sons respond to their father (v. 31)?

Questions to Discuss: (parents, use wisdom and discretion when discussing with younger children)

13. How do you assess Jacob's daughter's role in this tragic event?
14. How do you assess Jacob's actions in this tragic event? In what respects do you consider him derelict? In what respects do you consider him honorable?
15. How do you view Jacob's sons' actions in this tragic event? What, if anything, do you find commendable? What, if anything, do you judge worthy of condemnation?
16. How do you view God's plan for the covenant in this morally complex and tragic affair? How does Acts 4:23-31 relate t

17. What honor have we lost or tarnished after mankind's fall into sin? Is it proper to speak of our honor reclaimed by Christ? If so, why? How was this honor reclaimed?
18. How does Scripture view non-consensual sexual relations? According to Scripture, are all consensual sexual relations acceptable and legitimate? What determines the legitimacy of sexual relations? Why is this necessary and important?
19. How do parents (especially fathers) establish and guide the moral direction of their families? How can parents raise sons and daughters of honor? How should Christian parents respond if their children do not live honorably?
20. Why was it important that Jacob's family remain separate from the Canaanites?
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