



JACOB IN EXILE

DAILY DEVOTIONAL 10



LET'S PRAY Dear Father, help me to be like You. Thank You for all You do for me. Thank You for the Bible. Please help me to understand it. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - GENESIS 28:15

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go..."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:
GENESIS 28:1-10



Even though Jacob had lied to his father, Isaac re-confirmed the blessing, and sent him away to protect him from Esau and to find a wife from his mother's family in Haran. They wanted to make sure Jacob chose a wife from a family who worshipped the true God, not idols. Esau had married from the local people who did not believe in God, and it had caused trouble in Isaac and Rebekah's family.

What is an Idol? An Idol is something that comes between you and God. It could be a statue like in Bible times or, for our time, it could be something like watching too much computer or T.V., or idolising a pop star, movie star or sports person or friends. Think about your life—is there anything that takes you away from worshiping the true God and spending time with Him?



FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 28:3-4

"May God Almighty"	you, and	make you	and multip	ly you,
that you	be an assembly of	peoples; and give	e you the bless	ing of
, to you ar	nd your	with you, that yo	ou may	the
land in which	you are a	, which God	gave Abraham".	





LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for keeping me safe. Thank You for my Mum and Dad. I love You, Lord. Please help me to understand Your word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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LET'S READ:

GENESIS 28:11-22



God promised Jacob that he would be blessed just like his grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac. God also reassured Jacob that He would bring him back to his homeland. It would have been a great comfort to Jacob as he was lonely, scared and away from his family. Jacob was worried that God had taken away the blessing that his father had given him because of his sin. Jacob was very sorry for his

sin and deeply repented to God. In God's mercy, He showed Jacob, through a dream, that the blessing and birthright were still his. God forgave Jacob and promised to be with him.

What an amazing God we serve! He is so gracious and loving. No matter what we do, God loves us so much and wants our relationship restored with Him. He is always happy to forgive us when we are really sorry for our sin.



FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 28:12

"Then he	, and behold, a	was set up	on the earth,
and its top	to heaven; and the	ere the	. of God were
	ascending and	on it".	





LET'S PRAY Dear Father, thank You for dying on the cross for me. Help me to reflect Your love today. Thank You so much for the Bible. Help me to gain a blessing from it today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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LET'S READ:
GENESIS 29:1-12



So Jacob arrived in Haran and came to a field with a well. While he waited there, his Uncle Laban's daughter, Rachel, came to water her father's sheep. God is good! He had led Jacob right to his mother's family.

Do you remember another story of how God led someone straight to the right family?



Yes, Abraham's servant was led straight to Rebekah and her family.

God is good! He cares even about the small details of our lives.

How has God helped you today?

FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 29:10

"And it came to pass,	when saw	Rachel the daughter of
his mother's b	orother, and the	of Laban his moth-
er's, that Jac	ob went near and	the stone from the
well's mouth and	the flock of Lab	an his brother".





LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for another day. Thank You for the blessings You give me every day. Help me to be helpful and kind. Help me to understand what I read in the Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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LET'S READ:

GENESIS 29:13-25



So Laban deceived Jacob. Where has that happened before? Yes, Jacob deceived his brother Esau and his father Isaac. So lying brings many consequences and troubles.

Do you know that even though God forgave Jacob, and Jacob repented over the deception he played on his father and brother, the



consequences of that lie could not be taken away. They are there in the Bible to show us how destructive sin is.

The Bible is a lesson book for us to learn from. That's why we need to read our Bibles regularly. God has so much to teach and show us because He loves us deeply and wants the very best for us.

FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 29:25

"So it came to pass in the	, that behold it was	And
he said to Laban, 'What is th	his you have done to?	Was it not for
that I served y	ou? Why then have you	me?'"





LET'S PRAY Dear God, help me to be obedient and willing. Help me to share Jesus with someone today. Thank You for keeping me safe and sound. Help me to understand the Bible better.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - GENESIS 28:15

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THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:
GENESIS 29:26-35

Laban could see in Jacob that he was an excellent and valuable worker and didn't want to lose him. So Laban cruelly deceived Jacob by swapping Rachel for Leah so he could retain him for another seven years.

When you go about your daily duties do you do your best for God? Do people around you notice God's light shining through you?

Laban noticed it in Jacob, and because Laban was selfish and knew Jacob was a good worker, he didn't want to let Jacob go.



FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 29:26

"And	said, 'It m	ust not be	so in our	to
(give the	before	the firstborn".	





LET'S PRAY Dear Father, thank You for keeping me safe while I slept last night. Help me to shine for You today. Thank You for the privilege of owning a Bible. Help me to understand what I read. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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LET'S READ: GENESIS 30:1-24



As a consequence of Jacob's original lie, he ended up with two wives because Laban deceived him. God did not intend for a man to have more than one wife.

The result of this in Jacob's family was a lot of jealousy between Leah and Rachel as to which one could give Jacob the most children. This



gave Jacob a lot of heartache. Jacob loved Rachel more, but she could not have children for quite a while, or as the Bible says, she was barren.

Can you think of how God has blessed you this week? Reflect on your blessings as you open Sabbath.

FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 30:1

"Now when	saw that she bore	eno childre	en, Rachel
her sister,	and said to Jacob,	'Give me	, or else
	die'"l		





LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for bringing me safely through another week. Thank You so much for the Sabbath. I'm looking forward to spending the day with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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LET'S READ:

GENESIS 30:25-30

& GENESIS 31:1-3

& GENESIS 31:17-18



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Despite the stress between the sisters and the heartache it caused Jacob, God blessed Jacob with many children and lots of animals, and he became very wealthy.

But with that wealth came jealousy from Laban's sons. Laban was not happy with how things were going either, and changed Jacob's wages ten times!

But God kept his promise to Jacob that He would protect him and would bring him back to his homeland.

After 20 years Jacob, with his family, and possessions and wealth, returned home.

* optional extra reading for Jacob's changed wages read: Genesis 30:31-43 & Genesis 31. For Jacob reuniting with Esau read: Genesis 32 & 33.

SABBATH QUIZ

1. When Jacob was on his way to Haran, he slept on the ground at night. What did he use as a pillow?
2. In the dream that Jacob had, what were the angels ascending and descending on?
3. Where did Jacob first meet Rachel?
4. What was the name of the sister that Laban tricked Jacob into marrying?

5. How many times did Laban change Jacob's wages?



This week we will study about what happend to Jacob, and the consequences of his lie.



Torchlight

"But God did not forsake Jacob. His mercy was still extended to His erring, distrustful servant. The Lord compassionately revealed just what Jacob needed —a Saviour." – Patriarchs & Prophets p. 183



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