

Jacob's Walk Through Life

Vs

Your Walk With God



Jacob walks across twenty-six chapters of the book of Genesis to teach us how to walk with God.

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (Rom 15:4)



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God had already revealed what would come about:

Gen 25:23 And the LORD said unto her (Rebekah, Jacob and Esau's mother), Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

Jacob does all he can to force (enforce) God's will. So did his grandpa.... Remember Hagar? (Gen 16)... Do we?

Jacob's Carnal Manipulations to Bring About God's Will Jacob makes a deal with God

Gen 28: 20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,
21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:
22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

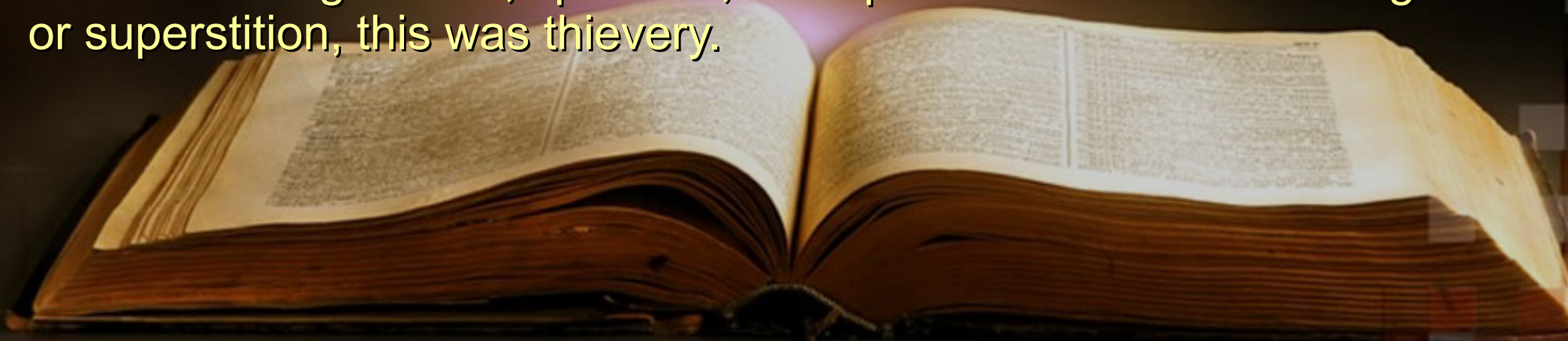
If God be with me.... Give me my bread... Give me my raiment... Give me peace...
Then shall the LORD be my God... (Gen 28:20-22)



Jacob's Carnal Manipulations to Bring About God's Will Jacob deceives Laban

Gen 30:37-38 And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.

Lambs and calves are born at watering troughs and when drooped on pilled white strakes they are deeply stained and are “brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.” This was not magic or superstition, this was thievery.



Jacob's Carnal Manipulations to Bring About God's Will

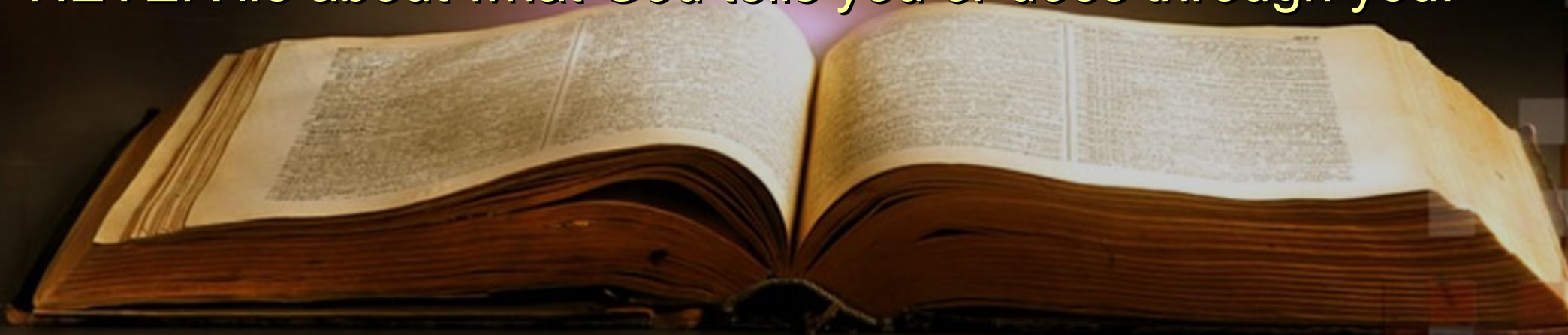
Jacob lies about what God showed him:

Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me. And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grisled. (Gen 31:9-10)

cf Gen 31:11-13 to see Jacob's full blown exaggeration.

Most commentators miss this caper and lie of Jacob, consequently many Christians follow in his steps!

NEVER lie about what God tells you or does through you!



Jacob's Fears, Because He Did Not Know or Trust God

Jacob Flees From Laban

Gen 31:3 And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.... (Differentiate here "The LORD said unto Jacob... vs 11 what Jacob said that God said...)

Jacob's fears were unjustified.

26 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?

27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

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Jacob Fears His Brother Esau

Gen 32:7-8 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands; And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

17, 20 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?... And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me.

Jacob's fears were unjustified.

Worry is interest paid on tomorrow's debt before it is due.

Psalm 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: **fret not thyself** because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Jacob's Fears, Because He Did Not Know or Trust God

Jacob Was NOT the Friend of God

Gen 31:1-2 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

vs Grandpa Abraham

18:1-4 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

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Abba Father and the Friend of God

Moses, Job, Isaiah, Daniel or Ezekiel

Gal. 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

John 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Jacob's Selfish Nature

Jacob Wrestles with God

Genesis 32:27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

Contrast that with the last time Jacob wrestled to get a blessing.

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Jacob Response to an Evil Act

Gen 34:30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

In Jacob's last days, he came to the truth:

Gen 49:5, 7 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. ... Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

Jacob's Selfish Nature

Selfishness Defined?

A child on an airplane will scream for hours, they care nothing about those who are around them.

A mature Christian does not cry for themselves, they care about nothing but those who are around them.

Jacob's Final Years

For 23 Years He Blames Himself

Gen 37:32-35 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.



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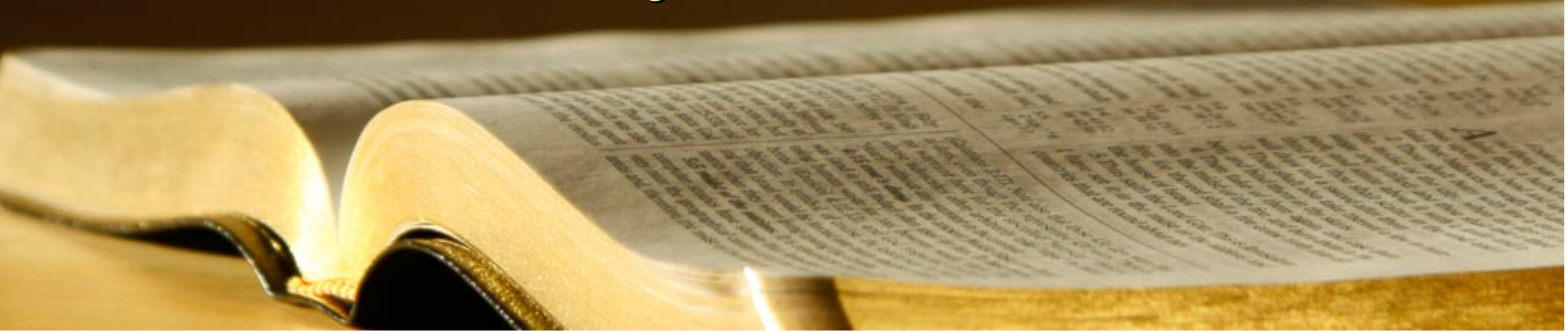
After 20 Years He Still Blames Himself

20 years later... Gen 42:36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me.

43:14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

44:28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.... 31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.



Jacob's Spirit Revived

Gen 45:27-28 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, **the spirit of Jacob their father revived**: And **Israel** said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

Throughout the Bible: The name “Jacob” depicts his carnal, fleshly, depraved nature.

The name “Israel” depicts his spiritual nature. Watch carefully how and where each name is used.



Revive Your Spirit Today

Jacob did not have Abba Father, Indwelling God, nor A Written Record of Jacob's life.

As born-again believers you and I do.

- * Trust Christ, for salvation, for life, through calamities.
- * Do not manipulate God's will into your life.
- * Do not lie, cheat, or steal your way through life. (Be honest to yourself about what God is doing/not doing.)
- * Do not live a selfish life: crying for hours at a time.
- * Do not live your final years in regret, trust and know God.
- * Learn from Jacob's life.
- * Call God Abba Father. Be a friend of God.

