

GENESIS –Lesson 54

Learn: That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus ye who were sometimes afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Ephesians 2:12-14

Read: Genesis 31:1-21

1. What three things happened so that Jacob knew that it was time to return to his family?
vv1-3
2. Was it true that Jacob had taken away what belonged to Laban?
Refer back to Genesis 30:34-43 to explain your answer.
3. What did Jacob do after hearing from the Lord? vv 4, 5
4. How did Jacob serve Laban, all the years that he worked for him? v 6
5. How had Laban rewarded his son-in-law Jacob for all that he had done for him? vv 7, 8
6. What had brought about the loss of Laban's flocks and herds? v 9
7. What reason did Jacob give his wives for his prosperity? vv10-12

The actual animals that mated were not ring-streaked, speckled, and spotted at all, but were animals in the solid-color flock belonging to Laban. The meaning of the dream, quite plainly, is that these animals were heterozygous, carrying the particular genes for streaks, spots, and speckles, even though their own coats were all solid color. God could see the gene structure, or even change the gene structure, for that matter. God knew which animals carried the genes for spots, speckles, and streaks and he could control them. THE GENESIS RECORD p 480 Dr. Henry Morris

8. God spoke to Jacob in a dream. After telling Jacob how He had helped him, because of Laban's treachery, what did God remind Jacob of and command him to do? v 13

9. When God reminded Jacob that He was the God of Bethel, what all was involved in that reminder? Genesis 28:12-15

10. How could the reminder of his past at Bethel, plus the prosperity and family that he now had, encourage Jacob for the future?

11. Our memory is a wonderful gift from God. It can be used for good in our lives or for evil. What is an evil way to use our memory?

Use the following scriptures to discover some things that God wants us to remember and why.

Deuteronomy 8:18

Psalms 78:35

Psalms 20:7

Psalms 105:4, 5

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Isaiah 46:7, 8

Isaiah 46:9, 10

Jonah 2:7

John 2:17

John 2:22

Ephesians 2:11-14

II Timothy 2:8

Revelation 2:4, 5

12. What are three of the reasons that we are to “remember”? Revelation 3:3

13. We see then that we are to make a conscious effort often to remember those things that God has commanded us to remember. Give some practical ways that this may be carried out?

14. After Jacob rehearsed the whole situation to his wives, what did they both say?
vv14-16

15. What did the words of Leah and Rachel reveal about how they looked at their father?

16. How does the fact that Jacob discussed the situation with his wives before uprooting them set a good example for husbands in their relationship with their wives?

17. Even though Jacob did discuss the situation with his wives and genuinely cared about their feelings, what was, and should always be the final determination of what is done in the family? v 13

Ephesians 5:22-24

18. As soon as he had discussed the situation with his wives what did Jacob do? vv 17, 18

19. Why was this the best time for Jacob to leave Padan-Aram? vv19a, 20

20. What did Rachel do before the family left Padan-Aram? v 19b

21. What does this act by Rachel tell us about her?