



Genesis Lesson 23 Chapter 28 & 29

Abraham was the chosen vessel of God to be the first in a line of successors that would inherit the covenant promises and be the progenitors of the promised Redeemer (Genesis 3:15). God's intent was to reveal Himself to Abraham, teach him to trust Him in every aspect of life, and then Abraham would pass those truths down to his offspring who would become the final inheritors of the land and the promises. Abraham had learned those lessons of faith so well that even his most treasured possession, Isaac, would not be withheld from God. But, now that Abraham is gone, will his lessons of faith be embraced by his son and grandson? Isaac had seen Abraham's faith in action, but he has to

determine his own commitment to God through his personal trials and life experiences. The covenant promises have been passed to him (Genesis 26:24-26), and now he will have the responsibility to pass them to his sons. In chapter 27, the sinfulness of man and their inability to sway God's purposes is made evident through family dysfunction and deception. God uses man's evil intentions to fulfill His plan; they will never derail His plan. After defrauding Esau of his blessing, Jacob has to leave his family for his own protection. Jacob will be the next in line for the inheritance, but there will be trouble and trial for him to learn the lessons he must learn in order to become God's man.

READ CHAPTER 28

1. *Why did Isaac send Jacob to Haran (Paddan-Aram) to get a wife instead of taking a wife from the Ishmaelites as Esau did? (vs.8-9)*

2. *What is Isaac giving Jacob in vs.3-4?*

3. *In your own words, describe Jacob's dream.*

4. *Why was Jacob afraid when he woke up, and what was his response to his dream?*

READ CHAPTER 29

5. *How were Rachel, Leah, and Laban related to Jacob, and how were all of them related to Abraham?*

6. *How did Jacob end up with both Leah and Rachel as his wives?*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
