

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Genesis 30:25-43

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ **DAY 1**

Read Genesis 30:25-43

1. What does Jacob want from Laban?
2. At the end of verse 26, what is Jacob's reasoning for asking to be sent away?
3. Thinking back to previous chapters, what is the "service which I have rendered you?" What service has Jacob rendered to Laban?
4. Why is Laban hesitant to let Jacob go?
5. What has happened to Laban because of Jacob's presence, according to verse 30?

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6. Who has brought such blessing?
7. What does this tell us about the LORD's relationship with Jacob?
8. What question does Jacob ask Laban in verse 30? What does Jacob want to be able to do?

❖ **DAY 2**

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9. Why do you think Jacob doesn't want Laban to give him anything?

10. What does Jacob offer to continue to do?

11. How will Jacob collect herds for himself? What kinds of animals will he take?

12. What will happen if non-speckled and spotted animals are found among Jacob's herds?

13. What is Laban's response to Jacob's request?

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14. Describe Laban's actions in verse 35. How do his actions here match his actions against Jacob in previous chapters?

15. How many days' journey did Laban put between himself and Jacob?

❖ **DAY 3**

Read Genesis 30:25-43 again.

16. What kind of trees does Jacob use for his selective breeding?

17. Where does Jacob place the rods?

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18. What was the color of the flocks Jacob was tending? How does this make it so remarkable that the flocks “brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted?”

19. What was Jacob’s purpose in making the flocks face toward the striped and the black?

20. How else does Jacob selectively breed a better flock for himself, according to verse 41?

21. Whose flocks end up the strongest?

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22. What happens to Jacob as a result, according to verse 43?

23. How would you summarize the process and results of Jacob's breeding efforts?

24. Was this successful breeding merely a manipulation of genetics? How is God working in this event?

25. How is God's faithfulness shown in this week's passage?

This week, praise God for His faithfulness throughout all generations. From Jacob to today, He is faithful to His people. Pray that the Spirit would help you see His faithfulness in your own life and circumstances.