

## GENESIS 31; January 31; Jacob Leaves Laban

### ANALYSIS:

1. What two factors led Jacob to plan to return to the land of his fathers?

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2. What serious complaint did Jacob express regarding Laban's pay for his work? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did Rachel steal from her father without Jacob's knowledge?

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4. To whom or what does Jacob ascribe his financial success while working for Laban? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What was the meaning of the covenant, the heap of stones, which Jacob and Laban made? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The Mizpah covenant (vs 44-49) seems to express Laban's fear that Jacob might afflict his daughters or attempt to do him some future harm. Laban swore by "the God of Abraham" (his great uncle), "the God of Nahor" (his grandfather), and "the God of their fathers" (Terah, his great grandfather). Note that he skips his father, Bethuel. Jacob swears by "the fear of his father Isaac," adding his name to those in the family Laban mentioned. Give God the glory and thanksgiving if you have God-fearing relatives and ancestors.

Plan and spend time with your God-fearing family members. Ask them about the LORD'S workings and dealings in their lives. Learn about their goals, habits, principles, ideas and disciplines which blessed them in their walk with God.

### HELP:

1. Laban's changed attitude toward him, and the LORD telling him to return (vs 1-3).

2. Laban had deceived him, and changed his wages ten times (v 7).

3. his images (v 19), these he called his gods (v 30).

4. Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hast sent me away now empty (v 42).

5. Neither of the men would pass over the heap to do the other any harm (v 52).