

## **NOW I Will Praise Him!**

**<sup>21</sup> And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.**

- After 7 years a conversation and waving at each other as they both worked at their fathers instruction. Its time to consummate the marriage. Go in unto her phrase used to implicate sexual relationship. Love makes hard service short and easy.

**<sup>22</sup> And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.**

- Marriages were not sacred ceremonial events in early customs. A seven day feast was called and on the first night the groom was permitted to take the bride to his tent.

**<sup>23</sup> And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.<sup>24</sup> And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.**

- While the wine was flowing heavy and the room was dark Leban did what he had planned to do all along and the occasion presented itself. Jacob is estimated to be around 75 years old when these events took place.

**<sup>25</sup> And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?**

- The festivities has taken its toll and his apparently drunken stupor has resulted in his vulnerability to be taken advantage of.
- Leah also sought to seize the moment as Jacob had done with his

farther and presents herself as her younger sister. (Satan must have had fun with his mind afterwards. 3... What is this thou hast done? same phrase God used in confronting Adam and Eve. As in most things done to us are usually blown out of proportion.

**<sup>26</sup> And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.**

- Probably a lie or of not a necessity due to the simple fact if it were so you should have never made the agreement. Remember his sister is Rebecca who also came up with the scheme to have Jacob impersonate Esau.

**<sup>27</sup> Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.**

- Keep that in mind "another 7" Obviously he anticipated the willingness of Jacob to accept his offer. I wonder how the rest of the week went for Leah?

**<sup>28</sup> And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. <sup>29</sup> And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid. <sup>30</sup> And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.**

- Leah full complicity in this matter is difficult to discern. Leah now is loved but not as the love he has for Rachel and the distinction is evident to her as well as God.
- There is no reference to the next seven years but they certainly will bring about completely different set of problems and circumstances.
- I doubt they will be as nothing"

**<sup>31</sup> And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.**

- Upon the rejected "comely" more honor was bestowed to balance the blended family, 1st Corinthians 12:24.
- Though having the Love of her husband she has not the fruit of their relationship

**<sup>32</sup> And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.**

- Having his baby does not make him love you - Thus the child was not the answer to her issues with her Jacob but her relationship with her Heavenly Father

**<sup>33</sup> And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the Lord hath heard I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon.**

- Simeon: she is getting closer but not their " God is Listening" I am hated but not Rachel"

**<sup>34</sup> And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi**

- 1... He will be closer to me is the name it means " Joined"

**<sup>35</sup> And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the Lord: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.**

- Arrived! I am not defined by my husbands love though I would like

it I am not defined by it, though dishonored, rejected, disrespected,  
unappreciated, Judah means " Praise"