

SOUL TIES

17 Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;

- Having now come into agreement with his wives he seeks to reconnect with the land of his Father.
- Rachel and Leah realize they have no portion or inheritance from Laban.
- Their comment earlier depicts their pain of realization of their earthly father's failure, what should have been the happiest time of their live they saw it as being sold. Verse- 15 Logistics now weighs heavy and determines the blessing.

18 And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padanaram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

- He is leaving with the lessons learned and the portion he has gained for the next phase of his life.
- Remember Abraham was obedient when told to leave his land and his kindred. Jacob as opposed to Abraham connects back to his Fathers land and promise. Abraham could not for the very reason Rachel portrays.

19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's.

- Soul ties even when there is abuse are very powerful and can be destructive. Though declaring to be a

stranger and a piece of merchandise she still desires the "image" of her Father's god.

- She is attempting to bring the image of the e direct cause of her disappointments and pain into the promise of God.
- Satan's attempt to create a bond to her idolatrous past.

²⁰ And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

- He had the mandate from God, the agreement of Family but could not divulge his plan to Laban having discerned him.
- In the multitude of counselors there is safety, you must choose people who honestly have your best interest at heart. We often will find people whom we feel will side with us and usually lack courage and integrity.

²¹ So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead.²² And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled.

- It appears though everyone had a problem with Jacob nobody wanted him gone due to the favor on his life and the blessing he brought to the work of Laban.

²³ And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead. ²⁴ And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

- Remember God had all ready declared that he had seen all that laban had done to him but note God never intervened for Jacob.
- All the hardship Jacob endured was in line with **purpose**.
- Jacob was in covenant with God all during that process but now Laban is either going to do Jacob harm or force him back to where God has told him to leave now God must intervene because that will take him out of purpose!.

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²⁵ Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.²⁶ And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?

- Your daughter's sir are now my wives.
- If you had been aware you wouldn't have let me leave.
- This is the way he was going to gain back until God intervenes.

²⁷ Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?

- That's a lie God would have never intervened, he didn't come with party goods.

²⁸ And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.²⁹ It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yester night, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

- The seed has been sown out of confrontation and conflict, Laban recognizes it wasn't my God it was your God, the God of your Father met me and charged me.
- Laban's analysis is correct there is a longing for thy father's house and mores and values, attachment, carnal and not spiritually productive.

³¹ And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.³² With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

- It is clear that the preoccupation with all his issues and wives he doesn't know Rachel after 20 years.
- He is so sure of his family he says let the person die who has it.
- Achan in later years will be found out and be stoned to death, Rachel will lie and survive the search.

³³ And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.

- Remember Jacob loves Rachel and doesn't suspect her at all. It also appears Laban doesn't suspect Rachel either and goes into her tent last and accepts her weak excuse.

³⁴ Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not.³⁵ And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched but found not the images.

- Her excuse though a lie expresses exactly what happens to her spiritually.
- She sat declaring to be unclean and was hiding the problem
- Soul ties are often binding and deceptive and hidden and require confession. Errors of past generations often follow and are undetected till they are confronted in the word and prayer. "You Are Made Clean Through The Word I Have Spoken To you"