



“Prospered by Providence: Trusting the God of Reversals”

3/2/25 Text: Genesis 30:25-43

Main Idea: God providentially reverses injustice and transforms human schemes for His greater purpose, calling us to trust Him as the true source of blessing rather than relying on our own efforts.

1. Jacob’s Desire for Freedom (vs. 25-26).

[25] As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, “Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. [26] Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you.”

2. Laban’s Manipulation (vs. 27-30).

[27] But Laban said to him, “If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me because of you. [28] Name your wages, and I will give it.” [29] Jacob said to him, “You yourself know how I have served you, and how your livestock has fared with me. [30] For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?”

3. Jacob’s Bold Proposal (vs. 31-34).

[31] He said, “What shall I give you?” Jacob said, “You shall not give me anything. If you will do this for me, I will again pasture your flock and keep it: [32] let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep and every black lamb, and the spotted and speckled among the goats, and they shall be my wages. [33] So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come to look into my wages with you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, shall be counted stolen.” [34] Laban said, “Good! Let it be as you have said.”

4. Laban’s Ongoing Deception (vs. 35-36).

[35] But that day Laban removed the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every lamb that was black, and put them in the charge of his sons. [36] And he set a distance of three days’ journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban’s flock.

5. God’s Unlikely Provision (vs. 37-42).

[41] Whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding, Jacob would lay the sticks in the troughs before the eyes of the flock, that they might breed among the sticks, [42] but for the feebler of the flock he would not lay them there. So the feebler would be Laban’s, and the stronger Jacob’s.

6. God’s Sovereign Reversal (vs. 43).

[43] Thus the man increased greatly and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Application Questions: Have you ever been in a situation where someone tried to control or take advantage of you? How does God’s sovereignty over injustice help you trust Him instead of taking matters into your own hands? Are you striving in your own strength rather than resting in God’s provision? How do we sometimes try to manipulate success instead of relying on God? Can you recall a time when God provided unexpectedly? How did that grow your faith? Jacob’s story reminds us we don’t need to fight for what God has already promised. What is one area where you need to release control and trust His timing? How does this sermon help you LOVE God and others “More and More?”

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