

Genesis 30-31

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SERMON NOTES

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In the beginning...

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1. Some people want the blessings of God, but they don't want God.
2. Our adversity is often God's opportunity.
3. The promise of God watching over us gives rise to worship and witness.

"The ultimately lost person is the person who cannot want God. Who cannot want God to be God. The reason they do not find God is that they do not want Him or, at least, do not want Him to be God. Wanting God to be God is very different from wanting God to help me."

- Dallas Willard, *Renovation of the Heart*

"The Bible is a story of universal history that is moving toward the goal of cosmic renewal."

- Michael W. Goheen, *The Church and its Vocation*

"The revelation of which we speak in the Christian tradition is more than the communication of information; it is the giving of an invitation. It is more than an unfolding of the purpose, which was otherwise hidden in the mind of God but is now made known to us through God's revealing acts; it is also a summons, a call, an invitation."

- Lesslie Newbigin, *Proper Confidence*

"The church at worship is centered and gathered at God's throne, receiving the revelation of the preached and preaching Christ, singing the great hymns, affirming and being affirmed... This is the reality in which we participate in every act of worship, which shapes both our lives and our history."

- Eugene Peterson, *Reverse Thunder*

"We should praise God again and again. Stinted gratitude is ingratitude. For infinite goodness there should be measureless thanks."

- C.H. Spurgeon