

Sermon Notes

10-24-21 Ken Carlton

Main Text: Genesis 29:1-20

Aim: TO FEATURE THE SOVEREIGN HAND OF GOD AS AUTHOR OF JACOB'S JOURNEY....

Sermon Description: Jacob continues his own journey of faith, retracing the steps of his grandfather back to Haran in search of a bride. What little he had to his name, he has poured out as an offering and first tithe at Bethel, moved by an encounter with the God of his fathers. He travels north boasting nothing he could give as a bride price save his own future labor. According to scholarly efforts to narrow down his timeline, the best estimates have Jacob in his late 50's as he journeys to his family's former residence which remains home to his uncle Laban's family and flocks. Jacob will go on to sire his first child around 64-76 years of age, Joseph will be born around his 91st year. Jacob likely leaves Haran some 40 years after his arrival at 100 years of age and Benjamin is born along the way. Jacob will take refuge in Egypt at 130 years old. Given this biography, every phase of life would present a challenge to Jacob's new found faith at Bethel. Nevertheless, he had the Word of God to cling to along the way. Not just his father Isaac's words of blessing in chapter 28:1-5, but the Word revealed in his stairway dream from Yahweh Himself (28:13-15) "... Behold I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." This promise prevails in the face of monumental challenges the rest of Jacob's days testifying to the sovereignty and steadfast love of his Almighty God...

Providence Community Church

Title: WOMAN AT THE WELL

--worship text: Psalm 111-

Heading: GOD'S KEEPING PRESENCE IS WITNESSED IN...

1. WHERE JACOB TRAVELS (Gen 29:1-4)

- a.) An Eastern land/people (25:6) b.) A well in the wilderness (16:6-14, 21:17-19) c.) Shepherds from Haran

2. WHO HE MEETS (5-14)

- a.) Neighbors of Nahor (Gen 24) b.) A lovely shepherdess (Ex 2:16-22) c.) A covenant family reunion

3. WHAT HE PREFIGURES (15-20)

- a.) A servant bridegroom b.) Jacob's well appointment (Jn 4:7-15) c.) Unlikely bride

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Destination	Characters	Servant Groom	Recalling Rebekah	Prefiguring Jesus	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	

Verses:

Gen 29:1-4

5-10

15-20

24:12-21

Jn 4:7-15

Gen 29:21-35
