

The Proper Posture for Receiving God's Blessing

Genesis 29:31-30:24

[Rachel and Leah Battle; Rachel Surrenders and is Blessed]

SERMON OUTLINE

I. FAITHLESS SCHEMING

- A. Leah's abundant fertility. (29:31-35)
- B. Rachel's _____, and her attitude that distains the sovereignty of God. (30:1-4)
- C. The battle of the wives (and their maids) for _____ preeminence. (30:5-13)

II. FAITHFUL SUBMISSION

- A. The exchange of _____. (30:14-17)
- B. The explanation of Leah's cessation of bearing: Rachel's _____. (30:15)
- C. Rachel giving up in desperation and its _____ consequences. (30:18-24)

III. *LET GO AND LET GOD BLESS!*

- A. The proper attitude for receiving God's blessing: Let ____ (submit/surrender) and let God _____.
- B. Adopting a **physical** posture of submission.
- C. Adopting a **spiritual** posture of submission.

CHIASTISTIC STRUCTURE

A Leah: Yahweh sees Leah & opens womb (29:31-35)

B Rachel and Jacob (30:1-3)

C Rachel & Leah (and maids) (30:4-13)

C' Rachel & Leah (and mandrakes) (30:14-15)

B' Leah and Jacob (30:16-21)

A' Rachel: God remembers Rachel & opens womb (30:22-24)

SERMON NOTES
