Apathy Towards Evil Perpetuates More Evil

Genesis 34:1-31

[Ruining of Dinah; Ruining of the Hivites; Apathy of Jacob]

SERMON OUTLINE

I. THE RISE OF EVIL
   A. Jacob blessed (Gen. 32) & reconciled (Gen. 33)
   B. Introduction of evil: The rape of Dinah (34:1-4)
   C. Jacob's lack of response is evidence of apathy in the face of evil. (34:5-19)

II. THE RESULT OF EVIL
   A. Evil begets evil: the response of Jacob's sons. (34:20-29)
   B. Jacob's lack of response, and his self-concern (34:30-31)

III. *REACT TO EVIL!*
   A. How to think, speak, and act in the face of evil in our midst.

THE FOUR SCENES OF 34:1-31

A Jacob's daughter violated (34:1-4) Speech to father: "Take for me this young girl as a wife" (34:4) Concludes with word from son to father (34:4)
B Hamor & Shechem propose marital alliance with Jacob's family (34:5-19) Terms accepted (34:18); unit begins with "hear" (34:5); "go out" (34:6)
B' Hamor & Shechem propose marital alliance to their fellow-townsfolk (34:20-24) Terms accepted (34:24); unit ends with "hear" (34:24); "go out" (34:24)
A' Jacob's sons violate the town (34:25-31) Speech to father: "Should he treat our sister as a harlot?" (34:31) Concludes with word from sons to father (34:31)

SERMON NOTES

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