

Jacob & the Gospel # 6

# Genesis 29<sup>1-30</sup>

## What goes around ... comes around

Lord's day morning: 29 July 2007

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Children's talk: Reflex tennis

### Introduction

One of the worst things a husband can do

Compare Rebekah & Rachel

### 1. Jacob the enigma

What does Jacob lack?

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What does Jacob have?

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### 2. Laban the swindler

What you see is not what you get!

### 3. God the orchestrator

Why is God making Jacob bide his time for 14 years?

Why is God allowing Jacob to be deceived?

Why is God allowing Jacob to be out-bargained?

### Conclusion

Another woman at Jacob's well



### Questions answered

- What 3 things did Jacob lack (in comparison with Abraham's servant)?
- What 3 areas of strength did Jacob manifest well?  
How does this contrast with many in our day & age?
- What do we mean by saying Jacob is an enigma?  
How is this similar for each of us?
- How does this emphasise that salvation is a matter of pure grace?
- How does this help us in our relationships with one another?
- What trick does Laban play on Jacob?  
Why does Laban do this?
- Why is God making Jacob bide his time for 14 years?  
In what sort of ways may God be doing something similar for us?
- Why is God allowing Jacob to be deceived?
- What does the phrase mean: "what goes around ... comes around"?  
Why do we often need this to happen before we see things as they really are?
- Why is God allowing Jacob to be out-bargained?
- When we ourselves feel strong & confident in something, what are we likely to have coming?
- Who was the other woman who was drinking at Jacob's well?  
Who was the man she met there?  
What did He say to her?  
How does this relate to Jacob, and to us today?



### Things to pray about

- Delight in being one of God's "works in progress".
- Learning from what comes around ... after we made it go around in the first place.
- Drinking deeply from the fountain of living water.