

## GENESIS 31:17-55

THEME: After the (God's) Discipline

### I. GOD STOPS THE DISCIPLINE: 31:17-29

- A. JACOB FLEES FOR FEAR OF LABAN (VSS 17-21)
- B. GOD WARNS LABAN IN A DREAM (VSS 22-24)
- C. LABAN COMPLAINS TO JACOB BUT CAN DO NOTHING (VSS 25-29)

Appl: When We Turn Back to God, the Discipline Can End  
(See Heb 12:11)

### II. GOD LETS JACOB CONFRONT LABAN FOR HIS FAULTS: 31:30-43

- A. LABAN IS REVEALED AS AN IDOLATOR WHO NEEDS HIS IDOLS (VSS. 30-32)
- B. HIS OWN DAUGHTER DECEIVES HIM ABOUT THEM (VSS 33-35)  
(As he had deceived Jacob about his daughter!)
- C. JACOB REBUKES LABAN FOR HIS DECEIT AND UNFAIRNESS (VSS 36-42)
- D. LABAN FEELS HIS LOSS (VS. 42)

Appl: God Judges Those Who May Be Instruments in Judging His People (See Isaiah 10:5-12)

### III. GOD BRINGS PEACE BETWEEN JACOB AND LABAN:

§ 31: 44-55

- A. LABAN PROPOSES THE COVENANT (VSS 44-47)
- B. LABAN IS CONCERNED FOR HIS DAUGHTERS [GOD GIVES HIM A REASON FOR PEACE THIS WAY] (VSS 48-50)
- C. LABAN WANTS NO FUTURE CONFLICT (VSS 51-53)
- D. THEY PART IN PEACE (VSS 54-55)

Appl: God Can Also Bring Us Peace with those who have been used in Discipline  
(See Prov. 16:7)