

Genesis 29:1-35

Praise Joyfully When You Are Despised

After a long journey, Jacob reached his uncle Laban's house in Paddan Aram. Laban had two daughters; the elder was Leah, she was tender eyed and the younger daughter was Rachel, she was beautiful and well favored. Jacob worked with Laban for 7 years for the sake of Rachel. At the end of 7 years, Laban deceived Jacob and got him married to Leah. Jacob later got married to Rachel. It was Laban who deceived Jacob and not Leah. But Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah. Leah was despised in the eyes of Jacob. The Lord God was merciful to Leah and blessed her continually with four children, whereas Rachel was barren for a season.

Question:

Will God look at the sufferings I am going through because of the sins of someone in my family? What should I do in such a situation?

Answer:

God surely looks over such people. He's the God of the abandoned and the orphan. He is mindful of the oppressed. Dear brother, are your friends mocking at you because you're from a poor family, father is a drunkard, unfaithful mother, etc...? Just like Leah, look unto God. Each time you are favored by the Lord, do not forget to thank him dear sister. God will surely exalt you in the midst of those who mocked at you. All you have to do is to praise God and rejoice in Him always.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalms 37:4

Prayer

Dear father, forgive our sins and shortcomings. Give us strength and uphold us in times of weakness Lord. Amen