

Scripture Reading: Genesis 30:25-43

Those Who Trust in the Lord Shall Escape Evil and Shall Be Blessed

Jacob worked in the house of Laban for 14 years for the sake of Leah and Rachel. Later he worked for 6 years for the sake of the family and earned. The children of Laban were envious of Jacob's blessings. In the house of Laban, Jacob was not at ease. He did not have complete freedom and hence didn't feel at home. He was answerable to Laban for all his doings. Laban gave Jacob sheep as a reward for his labor. Whenever Laban made an agreement with Jacob regarding his wages, there was increase in the flock of Jacob. Looking at this, Laban many a times tried reverting his choice of goats. Nevertheless, the Lord God continually blessed the portion that belonged to Jacob and therefore the man grew exceedingly prosperous and came to own large flocks.

Question:

How could God bless Jacob who was so crafty to take advantage of a situation and deceptively receive his blessings?

Answer:

This is a right question to put forth. The blessings of God and His protection over Jacob was not because of his righteousness but rather because of the plan of God over his life. Though Jacob had failed in his right standing many times and went astray, he still was a person who trusted the words of God. Though he was punished for his wrongdoings, he was protected because of the faith he had on the words of God. Dear brother/sister, you are still staying with God because of the prayers of your parents. That's the reason, though you were punished many a times because of your wrongdoings, you are still not destroyed. God is giving you opportunities to come out of it and be blessed.

"Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes". Psalms 17:7

Prayer

Dear father, many a times I have been an opportunist and have deceptively behaved towards people and have lived wickedly before You. Please forgive me and lead me Lord. Amen