

Scripture Reading: Genesis 31:1-55

Jacob, who was in the plan of God, deceives and has falsehood

Jacob pulled the legs of Esau even when he was in his mother's womb. He deceived his brother Esau and took the birthright from him. Later he lied to his father and received the blessings that were reserved for Esau. After that, he worked under Laban for 20 years for his daughters and then fled from Laban without informing him. He fled with all the cattle and everything he had and came towards Canaan. An enraged Laban came along with his brothers and servants to chase after Jacob. Even in that situation, God protected Jacob. At last, Laban was consoled and he blessed and sent Jacob on his way.

Question:

Will God overlook the wrongdoings of a person, protect him and bless him just because he's in the plan and purpose of God?

Answer:

All those who read the word of God obliviously will have such questions. The God we worship is a righteous God. His principles are the same, be it for the one who is in his plan and to the one who is not. Those who sin will be punished and those who repent will be blessed. That is the righteousness of God. Jacob pulled his brother's leg when he was in his mother's womb. He was always called by the name Jacob which meant "deceiver". He started running for his life after receiving the birth right from his brother and the blessings from his father through deception. But in the midst of all this, since he remembered God and truthfully worshipped Him, God protected him from destruction and gave him an opportunity. Dear brother/sister, God is still giving you an opportunity to repent and come to Him. In our next study we will learn on how Jacob received the true blessing.

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance". 2 Peter 3:9

Prayer

Dear father, give me the grace to never take for myself the blessings that belongs to others and to never covet what belongs to others. Amen