

Scripture Reading: Genesis 31:1 to 33:20

Truth and Faithfulness will bring forth the Highest Blessings of God

Jacob was extremely joyful that he was about to reach his own place along with his wife, children and his belongings. However, that joy didn't stay for too long. Would've Esau forgotten the harm done to him many years ago...? The fear of his brother should have shattered his joy in a moment. Though he's thinking of many strategies to cool down his brother, he's not gaining back his boldness. He sends all the others with him before him and then goes to pray. He prayed all night. He held on to God and said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me". Then God asked him, "What is your name?" The same person who deceived Isaac saying that he was Esau, now truthfully said that his name was Jacob (deceiver). He received the blessings of God.

Question:

Were not the wives of Jacob, his children, his cattle and all that he belonged to him, a true blessing from God?

Answer:

In this world, even though people have abundant riches, many are not able to even sleep peacefully. Similarly, though Jacob had all that he wanted, he still was fearful. There were three steps that Jacob took which delivered him and blessed him:

- 1) He came forward to give that which belonged to him.
- 2) He waited for God in prayer.
- 3) He realized the truth and began to speak the truth.

Dear brother/sister, when we earn through deceiving and cheating people, we cannot enjoy the fruits of our labor. It was after this that the family of Jacob was truly prospered.

"A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished". Proverbs 28:20

Prayer

Dear father, just as Jacob held on to your feet in prayer during his toughest time, help me to pray likewise. Amen