

JANUARY 10

Read Genesis 28–30

CHAPTER 28

AND Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

2 Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6 ¶ When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram, to take him a

wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

7 And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram;

8 And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;

9 Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

10 ¶ And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them for* his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.

16 ¶ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew *it* not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the first.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

22 And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

CHAPTER 29

THEN Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.

2 And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there *were* three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone *was* upon the well's mouth.

3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.

4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence *be* ye? And they said, Of Haran *are* we.

5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*.

6 And he said unto them, *Is* he well? And they said, *He is* well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.

7 And he said, Lo, *it is* yet high day, neither *is it* time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go *and* feed *them*.

8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and *till* they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.

9 ¶ And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them.

10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's brother, and that he *was* Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet

him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, Surely thou *art* my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

15 ¶ And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou *art* my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what *shall* thy wages *be*?

16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel.

17 Leah *was* tender eyed; but Rachel *was* beautiful and well favoured.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

19 And Laban said, *It is* better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him *but* a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 ¶ And Jacob said unto Laban, Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.

22 And Laban gathered together

all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid *for* an handmaid.

25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it *was* Leah: and he said to Laban, What *is* this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

31 ¶ And when the LORD saw that Leah *was* hated, he opened her

womb: but Rachel *was* barren.

32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I *was* hated, he hath therefore given me this *son* also: and she called his name Simeon.

34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.

35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

CHAPTER 30

AND when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, *Am* I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?

3 And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.

5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.

6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.

7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.

8 And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.

10 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son.

11 And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad.

12 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son.

13 And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.

14 ¶ And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.

15 And she said unto her, *Is it* a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes.

16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.

18 And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.

19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.

20 And Leah said, God hath endued me *with* a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun.

21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

22 ¶ And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

23 And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach:

24 And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.

25 ¶ And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

26 Give *me* my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, *tarry: for* I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give *it*.

29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me.

30 For *it was* little which thou hadst before I *came*, and it is *now* increased unto a multitude; and

the LORD hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?

31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed *and* keep thy flock:

32 I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and *of such* shall be my hire.

33 So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that *is* not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.

34 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

35 And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, *and* every one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave *them* into the hand of his sons.

36 And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

37 ¶ And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which *was* in the rods.

38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.

39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.

40 And Jacob did separate the

lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle.

41 And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

42 But when the cattle were feeble, he put *them* not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.

43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In a very real sense, the rest of Genesis presents the life of Jacob, including his trials with Laban, Esau, and his own sons. The story of Joseph is actually a part of Jacob's history.

Jacob traveled about seventy miles from Beersheba to Bethel, a three-day journey. The transfer of the birthright from Esau to Jacob had been validated by Isaac, and now God gives Jacob the assurance that henceforth he is to be recognized as the vehicle of promise.

The first 77 years of Jacob's life were spent in Canaan. He spent the next 20 years in Haran, some 400 miles northeast of Canaan. Jacob's mother had been raised in Haran and his grandfather, Abraham, had been there years before. While in Haran, Jacob began to reap some of the sin he had sown. He suffered years of hardship. A wife he did not want was forced on him by deceit, just as he had gotten his father's blessing by deceit. Jacob spent some 20 years

of toil, trial, and testing with his Uncle Laban. God used Laban and the difficult circumstances of life to discipline Jacob and prepare him for the tests that lay ahead.

In chapter 30 Jacob, the schemer, is again at work. Instead of trusting God to meet his needs, Jacob again used his own plan. Once again this is a picture of flesh striving against the Spirit. After all Jacob had been through, isn't it strange that he had still not learned that God was in control of every situation? The flesh may derive plans that look successful, but true success comes only through God's divine plan for our lives.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted" (Proverbs 10:24).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 2: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 11.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

MILDRED BEATER

HYMN FOR TODAY

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS by Joseph Scriven, 1819-1886

A true friend loves and accepts us just as we are, stays close to us in good or in bad, and is always ready to help in time of need. Because the author of this hymn text found just such a friend in his Lord, he decided to spend his entire life showing real friendship to others.

Joseph Scriven had wealth, education, a devoted family, and a pleasant life in his native Ireland. Then unexpected tragedy entered. On the night before Scriven's scheduled wedding, his fiancé drowned. In his deep sorrow, Joseph realized that he could find the solace and support he needed only in his dearest friend, Jesus.

Soon after this tragedy, Scriven dramatically changed his lifestyle. He left Ireland for Port Hope, Canada, determined to devote all of his extra time in being a friend and helper to others. He then gave away his clothing and possessions to those in need, and he worked—without pay—for anyone who needed him. Scriven became known as “the Good Samaritan of Port Hope.”

When Scriven's mother became ill in Ireland, he wrote a comforting letter to her, enclosing the words of his newly written poem with the prayer that these brief lines would remind her of a never-failing heavenly Friend. Sometime later, when Joseph Scriven himself was ill, a friend who came to call on him happened to see a copy of these words scribbled on scratch paper near his bed. The friend read the lines with interest and asked, “Who wrote those beautiful words?”

“The Lord and I did it between us,” was Scriven's reply.

*What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!*

*What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,*

*O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged—

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

*Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?*

Jesus knows our every weakness—

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

*Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?*

Precious Saviour, still our refuge—

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;

in His arms He'll take and shield thee—

Thou wilt find a solace there.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

590 B.C.

THE APPROXIMATE DATE OF THE BUILDING OF FORTS AROUND THE CITY OF JERUSALEM.

Jeremiah 52:4

590 B.C.

THE APPROXIMATE DATE WHEN EZEKIEL STARTED HIS PREACHING OF DOOM TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

Ezekiel 24:1,2

1954

THE COLDEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED IN HISTORY OF OUR NATION.

It was seventy degrees below zero at Rogers Pass, Montana. Let us thank God today for warmth—warm clothing, warm homes, and warm beds.

1702

THE FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER WAS DELIVERED.

This took place in England. The best bargain in the world is the daily newspaper. One of the first things I do in the morning is turn to mine. We should not take this for granted but should thank God for the daily newspaper. How long has it been since you have done so? Do it today.

1920
THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS BEGAN.

1946
THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS WAS DISSOLVED.

We see once again that the answer of peace is not in outward organization but only in the hearts of men. The condition of the world is a reflection of the condition of the hearts of the people. Strife in the world pictures strife in the heart. Peace in the world pictures peace in the heart. The need is for hearts to be right. Peace will never be organized. Let us pray for God to give us peace.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1768
**JAMES VERICICK, FIRST A.M.E. ZION BISHOP,
BORN.**

1811
LOUISIANA SLAVES REBELLED in two parishes about thirty-five miles from New Orleans. Revolt was

suppressed by U.S. troops.

PHILADELPHIA BLACKS HELD MEETINGS at Bethel Church to protest colonization society's campaign "to exile us from the land of our nativity."

1863
**LINCOLN DECLARED BLACKS SHOULD BE
EDUCATED IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

1870
GEORGIA LEGISLATURE RECONVENED and admitted black representatives and senators.

1966
**JULIAN BOND, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
OF THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINAT-
ING COMMITTEE, DENIED SEAT** in Georgia House of Representatives because of his opposition to Vietnam War.

1967
**EDWARD BROOKE, MASSACHUSETTS SENA-
TOR, TAKES OFFICE.**

A Christian Life:

RICHARD BAXTER

1615-1691

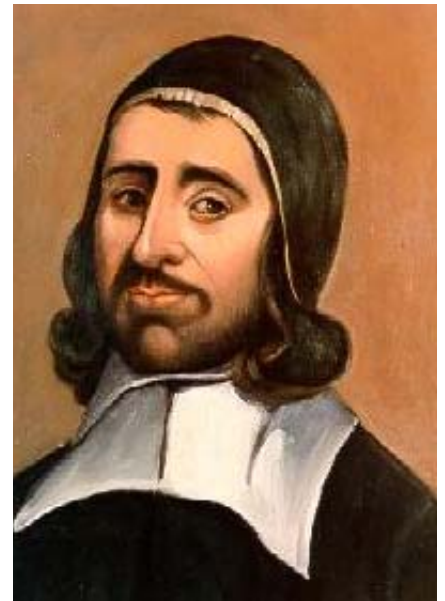
English minister. Richard Baxter was born in Rowton, England. His parents were very poor. Therefore, his early education was limited. He later attended school at Wroxeter and read with Richard Wixted at Ludlow Castle. His eager mind found abundant nourishment in the large library of the Castle. Some time after, he was persuaded to enter court life in London, but he felt the divine call to the ministry and returned home to study divinity.

While reading theology with the local clergymen, he met Joseph Simonds and Walter Cradock, two famous nonconformists whose piety and fervor influenced him considerably. In 1638 he was appointed master of the Free Grammar School, Dudley, in which place he commenced his ministry, having been ordained and licensed by John Thornborough, bishop of Worcester.

His early ministry was not very successful, but during these years he took a special interest in the controversy relating to nonconformity and the Church of England. He soon became alienated from the Church, rejecting episcopacy in its English form, and became a moderate nonconformist, which he remained his entire life. In April of 1641, at the age of 26, he became pastor in the village of Kidderminster, and remained there for 19 years, accomplishing an unusual work of reformation in that place. His ministry there was interrupted often by the conditions that resulted from the English Civil War. At one time he served as chaplain of the army.

After the Restoration in 1660, Baxter went to London, and ministered there as chaplain to King Charles II, until Parliament passed the Act of Uniformity, which required all clergymen to agree to everything in the Anglican Book of Common

Prayer. Baxter, being a nonconformist, refused, and, with that refusal, lost not only his position as chaplain, but also the Bishopric of Hereford. In addition, he was prohibited from preaching in his parish of Kidderminster, and from 1662 to 1687 was continually persecuted.



He retired to Acton in Middlesex for the purpose of quiet study and writing. While there, he was arrested and imprisoned for conducting a “conventicle.” Again, in 1685, he was accused of libeling the Church of England in one of his books, and although his trial is regarded by many historians as one of the most brutal perversions of English justice in history, he was imprisoned again.

During the long years of oppression and afflictions, his health grew worse, yet these were his most productive as a writer. His books and articles flooded England. Finally, in 1691, ill health, aggravated by the 18 years he had spent in prison, caused his death. He had preached before the king, the House of Commons, and the Lord Mayor of London, and his prolific pen had produced 168 theological and devotional works. His saintly behavior, his great talents, and his wide influence, added to his extended age, had raised him to a position of unequalled reputation and respect in the conflict for liberty of conscience.

The Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS: BASIC TEXT TO AROUSE AN INTEREST IN SPIRITUAL MATTERS

(Assignment 2)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV.com main page.)

Life is brief.

() James 4:14

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Life is uncertain.

() Proverbs 27:1

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Death is sure.

() Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the Judgment:

Christ may appear any moment.

() Matthew 24:44

Therefore be ye also ready: For in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

No escape for procrastinators.

() Hebrews 2:3

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;