

# Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 15/January 15

## Today's Readings:

Genesis 29 & 30  
Psalm 8.1-5  
Proverbs 3.13-18  
Matthew 10.21-42

### Genesis 29:

1. **Jacob Meets Rachel:** What are the circumstances surrounding Jacob meeting Rachel at the well, and what do we learn about Jacob's character from this encounter?

2. **Laban's Deception:** How is Jacob deceived by Laban?

3. **Leah's Marriage:** Explore the reasons behind Leah being given to Jacob in marriage before Rachel. What role does Laban play in this decision? How does Jacob react?

4. **After the Wedding:** How do you think this affected Leah? Rachel? Jacob?

### Genesis 30:

1. **Competition Between Rachel and Leah:** How does the competition between Rachel and Leah for children affect their relationship with Jacob, and what can we learn from their struggles?

2. **Bilhah and Zilpah:** Analyze the use of Bilhah and Zilpah as surrogates for Rachel and Leah. What cultural and historical context might help us understand this practice?

3. **Jacob's Prosperity:** Despite the family dynamics, Jacob's flocks prosper. What spiritual lessons can be drawn from Jacob's prosperity amidst personal challenges?

### General Reflection Questions:

1. **God's Role:** How do we see God's role in the lives of Jacob, Rachel, and Leah throughout these chapters?

2. **Patience and Faith:** Consider the patience and faith demonstrated by characters in these chapters. How can we apply these qualities in our own lives?

3. **Family Dynamics:** Explore the complexities of family dynamics portrayed in Genesis 29 and 30. In what ways do these dynamics mirror or differ from contemporary family challenges?

4. **God's Role in Your Life:** How do you recognize and acknowledge God's role in your daily life, similar to the way God intervened in the lives of Jacob, Rachel, and Leah?

5. **Building Faith in Daily Challenges:** Consider your daily challenges. How can the faith demonstrated by the characters in Genesis 29 and 30 inspire you to trust God and grow in your faith amid difficulties?

6. **Balancing Ambition and Contentment:** Reflect on your ambitions and desires. In what ways can you balance pursuing goals with finding contentment in your current circumstances, learning from the experiences of the biblical characters?

7. **Psalm 8:** How can you incorporate the themes of Psalm 8 into your personal worship and prayer life?

8. **Wisdom's Value:** According to Proverbs 3.13, what is the value of wisdom, and how does it compare to other treasures? How do you personally prioritize seeking wisdom in your life?

9. **Persecution:** Reflect on any experiences where you faced opposition or persecution due to your faith. How did you respond, and what lessons did you learn? In what ways can you draw strength and perseverance from Jesus' words in Matthew 10.21-42 during times of difficulty?