

Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 18/January 18

Today's Readings:

Genesis 35 & 36

Psalm 9.6-10

Proverbs 3.27-30

Matthew 12.22-50

1. As Jacob, now Israel, prepared to become the patriarch of the family what was the first thing he needed to do in Genesis 35.1-4?
2. Think about the contrasting events of Rachel's death and the birth of Benjamin. How do these events reflect the highs and lows of life, and what spiritual lessons can we draw from them and apply to our lives?
3. What challenges do you think Jacob faced as he dealt with the loss of Rachel just as he was about to step into his role as leader of the family?
4. What can help us continue to trust God when life gets hard?
5. How do the events in Genesis 35 and 36 demonstrate God's faithfulness to both Jacob and Esau, despite their different paths. How does God work in each of our stories?
6. Of what did the Pharisees accuse Jesus in Matthew 12.24?

7. What did Jesus say was an unpardonable sin? What do you understand that to be?

8. Consider the analogy of trees and their fruit in Matthew 12.33-37. How does Jesus use this metaphor to teach about the condition of the heart? In what ways do our words reflect the condition of our hearts?

9. What does it mean in Matthew 12.43-45 that the house was swept and clean but still empty?

10. What do verses 46-50 tell us about family? What do they tell us about Mary?