



Genesis-21 Life of Leah

–Suffering and Reward–

Genesis 29: 32–30:24 (ESV)

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Introduction

Jacob has been deceived by his uncle Laban and ends up marrying two sisters, Leah and Rachel, as his wives at the same time. A childbirth competition breaks out between these sisters to win Jacob's love. Jacob's heart is always with Rachel, while Leah tries to win Jacob's love. Today we will look at the events of Leah's life as we focus on the desire of Leah's heart.

1) Childbirth competition

- Round 1 (Genesis 29:32–35)
- Round 2 (Genesis 30:1–8)
- Round 3 (Genesis 30:9–13)
- Round 4 (Genesis 30:14–21)
- Round 5 (Genesis 30:22–24)

2) Leah's life on earth

- The unloved Leah
- The scandals of her children

3) Leah's rewarding life

- The fulfillment of Leah's wishes
- The blessing of Leah's offspring
- Death is not the end (Mark 12:26–27a)

Conclusion

Leah won the “childbirth race” against Rachel by a significant margin. But Leah could not turn Jacob's heart toward her—her true desire. However, Leah's earnest wish to “be with her husband” was fulfilled after her death. Moreover, two important tribes of Israel were born from Leah's children. If Leah had known this, her suffering on earth might have been reduced. Leah must be rejoicing in heaven, having seen this. Our walk is not only on earth. Let us live now, remembering the rewards we will receive in heaven.



Bible verses for this week

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