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Law/Gospel

I sin when I lie or deceive others.

In spite of my sin, God blesses me with my family and all that I need and forgives me for the sake of His own Son, Jesus.

Bible Words

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
Jeremiah 29:11

Fun Facts

Jacob's twelve sons became the twelve tribes of Israel, but with some variations.

- A listing of the twelve tribes generally omits two sons.
- Jacob blessed Joseph's sons as his own, making Manasseh and Ephraim into tribes, but Joseph was not counted as a separate tribe.
- God set apart the tribe of Levi as priests and temple workers. They lived among all the tribes, not in their own separate group.
- The twelve tribes were Reuben, Simeon, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin, Manasseh, and Ephraim.

Jacob's Family

Genesis 29:1–30:24

God kept Jacob in His grace and continued to bless him. Jacob safely arrived at his Uncle Laban's house, where he quickly fell in love with Laban's daughter Rachel.

Jacob agreed to work for Laban for seven years as a bride-price for Rachel. Jacob prospered and so did Laban. When the wedding day arrived, however, Laban tricked Jacob and married him to his older daughter Leah. Incensed, Jacob confronted Laban, who said it was customary for the older daughter to marry first. Laban agreed to give Rachel to Jacob as a wife in a week if he worked another seven years for her bride-price.

And so began a twisted tale of sister rivalry that resulted in at least thirteen children. When the sisters could not conceive, they gave their maids to Jacob to have children in their names. The result? Twelve sons and a daughter named Dinah.

As Jacob had vowed, he trusted the Lord, and God surely blessed him and his work. Jacob prospered. Both he and Laban became rich men. Twenty years passed before Jacob decided to go home to his family in Canaan.

Through these children, God grew Jacob's family into a large nation. Through this family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God brought His Son, Jesus, into the world.

"In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise" (Galatians 3:26–29).

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for making us members of Your family through Baptism and faith so that we may be heirs of all the promises you made to Abraham. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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