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## THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Genesis 28-50, Message 45

Today we enter the section of scripture that focuses primarily on \_\_\_\_\_. Although there are huge portions dedicated to the life of Joseph and his brothers, Jacob's life story carries through to the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter. The Bible clearly says: *"Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."* Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_ is a classic illustration of this rule. He lived by his wits and ingenuity. He was cocky and clever. He was skilled in practicing deceit and would stoop to unscrupulous means to accomplish his purposes. He seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_ of this behavior, but his actions will catch up to him.

Strangely enough, Jacob and his life experiences stand in stark contrast to God's blessing upon him. No matter what he did or how much \_\_\_\_\_ he encountered, God was looking out for him. From the world's perspective Jacob is a scheming opportunist, but a closer examination will prove that in...

### JACOB'S LIFE – THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR – PART ONE

#### 1. Jacob's life – A historical highlight

- His life is full of \_\_\_\_\_ between victories and defeats
  - His conflict – Genesis 25-27
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ – Genesis 28
  - His reaping – Genesis 29-31
  - His victory – Genesis 32
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ – Genesis 33-46
  - His triumph – Genesis 47-50
- Things are \_\_\_\_\_ always as they appear

#### 2. Jacob's lineage – A doctrinal distinction

- He is a striking type of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - He was the progenitor of the \_\_\_\_\_ tribes of Israel – Genesis 29-30, 35; 32:28; 35:10
  - God gave him the earthly \_\_\_\_\_ – Genesis 27:28; 28:13
  - As a result of sin, he was exiled from the land of promise – Genesis 28:5
  - He was \_\_\_\_\_ treated while exiled – Genesis 29:23; 31:41-42
  - He became a crafty businessman in order to secure earthly riches – Genesis 30:37, 43
  - He is promised by God to return to the land and prosper – Genesis 28:15
  - He was \_\_\_\_\_ by God while exiled – Genesis 29-35
  - He blesses the Gentiles by passing on God's provision to them – Genesis 47:7-10

- His lineage ultimately enjoys an enduring \_\_\_\_\_ blessing – Genesis 49
- Things are \_\_\_\_\_ always as they appear

3. Jacob's likeness – A devotional depiction

- He is a picture of the believer's \_\_\_\_\_
  - He is a \_\_\_\_\_ from his father's house – Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:10-18
  - He is at enmity with his \_\_\_\_\_ – James 4:1-2
  - God \_\_\_\_\_ himself to him – Genesis 28:10-13a

*He receives an \_\_\_\_\_ from God – Genesis 28:13b-15; Eph. 1; 2 Peter 1:4*

*He \_\_\_\_\_ to rise to the level of God's grace – Genesis 28:16-22*

- Things are \_\_\_\_\_ always as they appear