

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

13:12:15

Theme: GOD, S ANSWERS PRAYER OF FAITH

Memory Verse: *Genesis 30:22-23 “And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. [23] And she conceived, and bares a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach:”*

Texts: Genesis 30:1-24; 1 Samuel 1:1-7

Rachel had earlier in desperation confronted Jacob with the cry: “give me children or I die.” Jacob had no good words for her, than to say, am I God? There is no record that Jacob prayed for her like what Isaac did for Rebecca. However, God had mercy on her and remember her when she prayed to God. The arm of flesh will failed you but when is trust for anything, then the result is positive. Jacob could not help the situation Rachel was in, but God did.

The lesson was well taken, Rachel must have then realized that it is the Lord, not man, that “makes’ the barren woman to keep house, and to be mother of children”. Therefore, she began to pray and God remembered her, hearkened to her and opened the womb. As God’s answer to her prayer of faith. Rachel obtains a choice son Joseph. Likewise did Manoah and the wife obtain Samson, a judge. Hannah obtained Samuel, a prophet and Elizabeth obtained John the Baptist, a prophet too.

While Rachel complained and cried, she remained barren, but when she prayed, God gave her a child. All believers looking unto God for fruit of the womb could learn to pray through like Rachel did. God answers prayer. Let us approach His throne by faith and He will surely answer us (Mathew 7:7-11). Remember that “truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD our God is the salvation (Jeremiah 3:23). Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?, Are you weak and heavy laden?, Are you cumbered with the load of care?. Are in-laws despise, forsake thee and friends laughing at you? The simple answer is take it to the LORD in prayer.