

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

15:11:15

Theme: FIXED WAGES FOR DILIGENT SERVICE

Memory Verse: *Genesis 29:15 “And Laban said unto Jacob, because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? Tell me, what shall thy wages be?”*

Texts: Genesis 29:15-20

Jacob lived and worked with Laban for one month before the issue of wages came up. “And Laban said unto Jacob, because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? Tell me, what shall thy wages be?” Laban, s action poses a great challenge to employers of labour. The scripture warns against using another’s services without wages. Equally, unnecessary delay in paying an employee the salary due to his service is unscriptural. “Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.”(Leviticus 19:13):

Jacob’s readiness to be gainfully employed is commendable. We also notice that Jacob’s devotion to duty and sense of commitment is worthy of emulation by employees. Jacob loved Rachel and offered to serve years that he might have her as his wife. Laban readily agreed to this request but cunningly concealed the fact that Leah ought to be married first according to custom. Almost too early, we can identify the same trait of cunningness that Jacob was trying to escape from in his own character staring at the face through the cunning dealing of his uncle.

Owing to the love Jacob had for Rachel, his seven-year service to his uncle only seemed unto him but as a few days! Charity (love) suffered long. (1 Corinthians 13:4). There is nothing too hard for people to do where there is true love. Although Jacob’s stay in Haran had a good beginning, all did not remain pleasant as he was to find out soon during the wedding feast organised by Laban to, supposedly, marry off Rachel to Jacob. The wedding turned out to be marred with deception, the kind that Jacob had earlier exhibited to obtain his father’s blessing. Believers must constantly guide their lives by God’s word on order to beat down the long hand of retribution. “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.”(Psalm 119:9)