

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

01:11:15

Theme: THE ATTITUDE OF A GOOD SHEPHERD

Memory Verse: *Genesis 29:3 “And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.”*

Texts: John 4:5-15

In our memory verse, we notice the painstaking efforts employed by Jacob and others to roll away the stone from the well's mouth and to put the stone back again. The reason for this effort was to avoid any form of contamination and ensure the purity of the water at all times. Every believer, Christian worker and minister has great responsibility to preserve the purity of the gospel message and doctrines we have as a common heritage. We must painstakingly preserve the purity of the Bible truth wherever it is found- in computer, cassette, video, literature, and pulpit or in our hearts.

Before the meeting between Jacob and Rachel, it was interesting to observe curiosity exhibited by Jacob. He cautiously investigated the identities of his new acquaintances before introducing himself. His questions “My brethren, whence be ye?”, “know ye Laban the son of Nahor?”; “Is he well?”(Genesis 29:4, 5, 6) were meant by Jacob to help him find his way around the strangers.

How instructive to everyone of us. Many believers have often played into the hands of shady characters because of failure to ask the right questions. We must investigate thoroughly into the identities and backgrounds of strangers and peers alike before we commit ourselves to them. While the initial encounter between Jacob and Rachel broke him emotionally as he wept, the words of Laban was full of assurance and peace. A good shepherd has to know how to guide and protect the flock. “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”(Acts 20:28).