

***Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel***  
**Genesis 29:1-30**

Main Point:

When God's providence confronts you with your sin, embrace what He is doing and seek to learn from it.

1. God's providence is always at work in your life.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. In the exercise of His providence, God will sometimes lovingly confront you with your sin.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Though this can be painful, you need to embrace what He is doing and seek to learn from it.

**Matthew Henry** "How happily he arrived at his journey's end. Providence brought him to the very field where his uncle's flocks were to be watered, and there he met with Rachel, who was to be his wife."

**Psalm 139:16** <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as *yet there were* none of them. (NKJV)

**Proverbs 16:33** <sup>33</sup> The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision *is* from the LORD. (NKJV)

**Ephesians 1:11** <sup>11</sup> In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, (NKJV)

**J.G. Vos** "In view of the fact that Jacob had already served seven years for Rachel, according to agreement, and had been grievously tricked into marrying the unwanted Leah, it would seem that this latest proposal of Laban involved a remarkable amount of cheek or nerve."

**Matthew Henry** "It is easy to observe here how Jacob was paid in his own coin. He had cheated his own father when he pretended to be Esau, and now his father-in-law cheated him."

**Allen Ross** "God will effectively discipline his people by making them painfully aware of their sins ..."

**Hebrews 12:5-10** <sup>5</sup> ... "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; <sup>6</sup> For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." <sup>7</sup> If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? <sup>8</sup> But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness. (NKJV)

**Hebrews 12:11** <sup>11</sup> Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (NKJV)