



TRINITY GRACE CHURCH

Genesis 29:1-35 II Jacob in the Wilderness II Walt Alexander

MAIN POINT: There is a love that is deeper than any pit, constant through every trouble, in Christ.

1. The patriarch is prayerless. (v.1-14)

2. The deceiver is deceived. (v. 15-30)

“Afflictions fall not out of casualty, but by counsel.” **John Flavel**

“Most people if they really learn to look into their own heart, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never keep their promise. The longings which arise in us when we first fall in love or first think of some foreign country or first take up some subject that excites us are longings which no marriage, no travel, no learning, can ever really satisfy. I am not speaking of what would ordinarily be called unsuccessful marriages or holidays or careers. I am speaking of the best possible ones. There was something we grasped at, in that first moment of longing, which just fades away in reality. The wife may be a good wife, and the hotels and scenery may have been excellent, and chemistry may be a very interesting job: but something has evaded us.” **C.S. Lewis**

3. The despised is loved. (v. 31-35)

Verse 1

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

Verse 2

O Light that follows all my way,
I yield my flick’ring torch to thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

Verse 3

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

Verse 4

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee.
I lay in dust, life’s glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.