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### Genesis 31





#### 1<sup>st</sup> Question:

Can You Be Happy When God Is Blessing Others?



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#### Gen 31:1-2

Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, "Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father." <sup>2</sup> And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been.



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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Question:

Your Safety/Health/Longevity: Is It Solely Your Doing?



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#### Gen 31:55 - 32:2

<sup>55</sup> Early the next morning Laban kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them. Then he left and returned home.

Jacob also went on his way, and the angels of God met him.<sup>2</sup> When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is the camp of God!" So he named that place Mahanaim.



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Ps 34:7

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.





#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Question:

Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?



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Heb: 11:35b-39

There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword



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Heb: 11:35b-39

They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith...



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#### Ps 23:4

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.



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1. Can We Rejoice When God Is Blessing Others?

2. Our Safety: Is It Solely Our Doing? -the angel of the Lord...

3. Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?





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