

Time to go home (Genesis 30:25 – 31:55)

Part One

- What great contrast is there between 31:2 and 31:3?
- What does Jacob do in 31:5, 31:7 and 31:9?
- What does God remind Jacob of in 31:13?
- What relevance does 31:24 have to us?
- What great contrast does 31:35 illustrate?
- What does Jacob acknowledge in 31:42?
- What contrast do we see in 31:53?
- What is sad about 31:55?
- In what way should you not be like him?

Part Two

- What do deists believe?
- What do fatalists believe?
- What do “luckists” believe?
- What do Christians believe in instead?
- What do we mean by the providence of God?
- List the verses where we see the providence of God in Genesis 31.

- List four other Bible passages which talk about the providence of God.

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- What is included in the scope of the providence of God?
- In Genesis 50:20, who is responsible for Joseph's brothers' sinful actions?
- What does the providence of God do?
- In Acts 4:27-28, who is responsible for the people's sinful actions?
- What does the providence of God do?
- Is it true that we have free will and that God is in control?
- What is the first response the providence of God should inspire in us?
- What are some occasions when we especially need this?
- What is the second response the providence of God should inspire in us?
- What does the phrase "The Fear of Isaac" in 31:42 and 31:53 mean?
- Where should this sense of awe lead?