THE GOD OF PADDAN ARAM (II)

(Jacob Builds His Wealth)

Genesis 31:1-55                                                                     Lesson 21

1. Look at 31:1-3. Why did Jacob decide to leave Paddan Aram? (31:1-3; 13-16) Why was it necessary that he return? What was the importance of his vow at Bethel in his life? (v.13; 28:18-22)

2. Look at v 4-16. Why did Jacob share his plan with his wives? What was their response? (14-16) Look at 17-21. Why did Jacob flee in this way?

3. Look at v. 22-30. When Laban caught up with Jacob, why did he not harm him? Of what did he accuse Jacob? Look at 31-42. How did Jacob explain his sudden departure? When Laban's search for the gods proved fruitless, how did Jacob rebuke him? (36-37; [38-42])

4. Look at 43-55. Describe the treaty which they made at their parting. What do these events reveal about Jacob's character? Think about his strengths and weaknesses. What do these events teach us about God?