

Jacob meets his match!

Intro Song: "Your Will Be Done" by Chris Muglia

Prayer

- Surrender to God
- Your Will Be Done
- For the Pope - his Ministry - May God grant him strength to endure the hatred of those who "know NOT what they do"
- Fr. Frank Pavone - Safe Trip Home
- Our Lady's intercession for each of us.

Last Week's show:

- Dr. John Bergsma : The Priesthood in the Gospel of John
 - Shows the typological links of the High Priestly role in the liturgy of Yom Kippur to that of Jesus in the upper room:
 - The High Priestly Prayer in John 17
 - Praying for himself
 - His House
 - His brother Priests
 - For all the people
 - Making manifest the NAME of God to the people
 - The High Priest would proclaim the NAME of God over the people just ONCE a year!
- Check out the show notes at CatholicHack.com for a link to the audio of this great lecture!

A Father Who Keeps His Promises chapter 6

- Previously on "Behold the Man : A Father Who Keeps His Promises"
 - Jacob supplanted the birth-rite of his elder brother Esau
 - Esau plotted to kill Jacob
 - Rebecca gets nervous and asks Isaac to send Jacob back to Laban to find his wife.
 - Jacob sets off - walks till dark
 - rests on a rock for a pillow & has a vision of Angels ascending & descending from heaven.
 - No winged angels BTW - they need a ladder!
 - He declares that spot - Bethel - the House of God
 - Jacob set's up the stone & pours out oil on it ... consecrates it... - says **IF** God will deliver him back to his country safely **THEN** he will trust in him & give him a 10th of everything.
 - The old "Get out of jail" FREE card! Nothing to loose here!
 - Where's the surrender to complete faith - like Abraham?
 - IT Surly NOT the "Not my will, but THY will be done" of Jesus in the Garden.
 - Typologically:
 - The primordial stone - The Mountain the Garden of Eden was placed upon
 - The waters receded - exposing the Mountain
 - The mountain Noah landed on
 - Again The waters receded - exposing the

Mountian

- The mountain Abraham offered Isaac on
- Now this stone of Jacob!
- Soon - the mountain Moses will receive the law on
- Then mountain Solomon will build the Temple
 - The Ev-en Shet-tee-ya
 - where the Dome of the Rock! is today
- Of course - Jesus will be the wiseman who builds HIS house upon a ROCK!
 - Matthew 16 - St. Peter the ROCK
 - A perfection of the prototype of Soloman
- Jesus will be offered up as the Lamb of God on the same Mountain as Isaac
- Jesus is the fulfillment of this vision
 - You will see the Son of Man - Ascending & Descending as we read in
 - **John 1:50 & 51**
 - *[50] Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." [51] And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."*

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- **Now Jacob continues on his journey - Genesis 29**
 - Comes to a well where where 3 flocks were gathered but NOT drinking
 - He asks the shepherds where they are from & they

reply from Haran

- Just then - Rachel, Laban's Daughter comes out to water her Father's flock (some think this is a reference to a down turn for Laban - economically)
 - It was around NOON (**verse 7**)
 - Compare and contrast this to John 4 & the "Woman at the well"
 - When a man comes to a well at noon and meets a woman... what happens... Marriage!
 - What does Jesus talk to the woman about... Marriage!
 - She represents the 10 Northern tribes that split off from Rehoboam, King Solomon's son successor
 - Jesus was bringing back ALL the tribes of the people of God
 - to bring about the ingathering
 - to incorporate the Gentiles too
 - & the Wedding Feast of the Lamb who marries ALL the people of GOD
 - unlike Solomon who tried to marry all the women of God with his 700 wives and 300 concubines!
 - (**verse 8**) The well was blocked by a stone... once all the flocks were gathered THEN would the stone be removed and the flocks watered.
 - Jacob gets one look at Rachel
 - Removes the stone - By himself
 - and waters Her/Laban's flock
 - The Targums make this sound more like

Superman...

- *"And it was when Jakob saw Rahel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother that Jakob went nigh, and rolled the stone with one of his arms from the mouth of the Well; and the well uprose, and the waters ascended to the top of it; and he watered the sheep of Laban his mothor's brother; and it uprose for twenty years."*
- **(Verse 11)** Jacob Kisses Rachel & told her he was her kinsmen
 - Rachel ran and told her father of what happened.
 - Another similarity to "The Woman at the well" in John 4 who ran & told her village of all that Jesus said to her.
 - Seems Symbolic of the Messianic - wedding feast of the lamb
 - Ingathering of the flock
 - the well of "living water" (**John4:10**) is opened up
 - all are watered with this "living water" who will NEVER thirst again & it will become a spring - welling up within them for eternity not just 20 years!
 - First the en-gathering
 - Then the marriage
 - Then eternity with the Groom - Jesus!
- **(Verse 15)** Jacob stays for a month until Laban asks what he will his wages be?

- Doesn't want Jacob leaving anytime soon... things have been going good since he showed up.
- Jacob doesn't hesitate ... he knows what he wants... Rachel!
- **Genesis 29: 16-20**
 - *[15] Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" [16] Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. [17] Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful and lovely. [18] Jacob loved Rachel; and he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." [19] Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." [20] So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.*
- **(verse 21)** Jacob faithfully serves Laban for 7 years
 - A liturgical #
 - A # signifying Covenant
 - Creation - 7 days
 - The Hebrew word for Covenant literally means to 7 oneself
- Jacob ask's Laban for Rachel in Marriage
 - The wedding feast is held & all are gathered
 - The bride is veiled & brought into the tent of Apocalypse - the unveiling - the Revelation
 - He consummates the marriage before he

unveiled her - the One Flesh Union

- I hope you see the typology that will come to fulfillment in the Eucharist - the Body & Blood of our Lord given to US in the unveiling & one flesh union of the Mass!
- In the morning he realizes he's been "Jacobbed" by Laban
 - It was Leah & NOT Rachel!

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- **Does this remind you of another "duping" also in a tent?**

- Back in chapter 27 when Jacob tricked his Father, with his mothers help, into giving the blessing of the First Born to him instead of Esau
- Here now, also in a Tent, Jacob is tricked by his Father in law in marrying Leah instead of Rachel
- Jacob must now work 7 more years to marry Rachel, his true love.
 - He's become an unwitting practitioner in polygamy
 - it will lead to more problems for the people of God!
 - Genesis 29:28-30
 - *[28] Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to wife. [29] (Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her maid.) [30] So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and*

served Laban for another seven years.

- The Targums
 - Laban conspired to keep Jacob with him because of all the prosperity that befell him as a result to Jacob's blessing from God
 - Rachel warned Jacob not to stay because of the cunning of her Father but... Jacob would prove to be MORE cunning than even Laban!
 - This will become evident when Jacob wrestles a mysterious man in the middle of the night... for Jacob has striven with God & man and prevailed! **Genesis 32:28**

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