**God Remembered Rachel – Part I – Illustrates God’s Purpose**

[**Genesis 30:22**](swordsearcher://bible/gen30.22-24) And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.  
**Genesis 30:23** And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach:  
**Genesis 30:24** And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.

**This reminds me of another mother that was barren and sought God, illustrating God’s purpose**

[**I Samuel 1:1**](swordsearcher://bible/1sam1.1-28) Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name *was* Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:  
**I Samuel 1:2** And he had two wives; the name of the one *was* Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.  
**I Samuel 1:3** And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, *were* there.  
**I Samuel 1:4** And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:  
**I Samuel 1:5** But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.  
**I Samuel 1:6** And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.  
**I Samuel 1:7** And *as* he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.  
**I Samuel 1:8** Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? *am* not I better to thee than ten sons?  
**I Samuel 1:9** So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.  
**I Samuel 1:10** And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.  
**1 Samuel 1:11** And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no rasor come upon his head.  
**I Samuel 1:12** And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.  
**I Samuel 1:13** Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.  
**I Samuel 1:14** And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.  
**I Samuel 1:15** And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.  
**I Samuel 1:16** Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.  
**I Samuel 1:17** Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.  
**I Samuel 1:18** And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more *sad*.  
**I Samuel 1:19** And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.  
**I Samuel 1:20** Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked him of the LORD.  
**I Samuel 1:21** And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

**I Samuel 1:22** But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.  
**I Samuel 1:23** And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.  
**I Samuel 1:24** And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child *was* young.  
**I Samuel 1:25** And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.  
**I Samuel 1:26** And she said, Oh my lord, *as* thy soul liveth, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.  
**I Samuel 1:27** For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:  
**I Samuel 1:28** Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

**Jacob disobeyed staying in Shechem - but took action after God’s Word came to him**

We have seen Jacob walk with the LORD and then after the heavy trials were over complacency set in and his family suffered greatly. God’s Word brought back Jacob, but he has to experience consequences for his laxness. When Jacob heard God’s Word, he acted on it by leaving Shechem and going back to the place where he first met God; where we see him separating the ungodly images, etc. from his family, and they go to Beth-el and worship God.

[**Genesis 35:1**](swordsearcher://bible/gen35.1-15) And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.  
**Genesis 35:2** Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with him, Put away the strange gods that *are* among you, and be clean, and change your garments:  
**Genesis 35:3** And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.  
**Genesis 35:4** And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which *were* in their hand, and *all their* earrings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which *was* by Shechem.  
**Genesis 35:5** And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that *were* round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.  
**Genesis 35:6** So Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in the land of Canaan, that *is*, Beth-el, he and all the people that *were* with him.  
**Genesis 35:7** And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother….  
**Genesis 35:9** And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him.  
**Genesis 35:10** And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.  
**Genesis 35:11** And God said unto him, I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;  
**Genesis 35:12** And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.  
**Genesis 35:13** And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.  
**Genesis 35:14** And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.  
**Genesis 35:15** And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Beth-el.

**We need to address the elephant in the room all this time - 4 wives. What happened before?**

[**Genesis 30:14**](swordsearcher://bible/gen30.14-16) And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.  
**Genesis 30:15** And she said unto her, *Is it* a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes.  
**Genesis 30:16** And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.  
**Genesis 30:17** And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.

**What happens after Rachael has Joseph and Benjamin-Remember no Generational Curses**

[**Genesis 35:22**](swordsearcher://bible/gen35.22-26) And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard *it*. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:  
**Genesis 35:23** The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun:  
**Genesis 35:24** The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin:  
**Genesis 35:25** And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali:  
**Genesis 35:26** And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Asher:

**On his death bed, Israel prophesied about the twelve tribes of Israel:**

[**Genesis 49:1**](swordsearcher://bible/Gen49:1-33) And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the last days.  
**Genesis 49:2** Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.  
**Genesis 49:3** Reuben, thou *art* my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:  
**Genesis 49:4** Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou *it*: he went up to my couch.  
**Genesis 49:5** Simeon and Levi *are* brethren; instruments of cruelty *are in* their habitations.  
**Genesis 49:6** O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.  
**Genesis 49:7** Cursed *be* their anger, for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.  
**Genesis 49:8** Judah, thou *art he* whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.  
**Genesis 49:9** Judah *is* a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?  
**Genesis 49:10** The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*.  
**Genesis 49:11** Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:  
**Genesis 49:12** His eyes *shall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.  
**Genesis 49:13** Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he *shall be* for an haven of ships; and his border *shall be* unto Zidon.  
**Genesis 49:14** Issachar *is* a strong ass couching down between two burdens:  
**Genesis 49:15** And he saw that rest *was* good, and the land that *it was* pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.  
**Genesis 49:16** Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.  
**Genesis 49:17** Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.  
**Genesis 49:18** I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.  
**Genesis 49:19** Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.  
**Genesis 49:20** Out of Asher his bread *shall be* fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.  
**Genesis 49:21** Naphtali *is* a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.  
**Genesis 49:22** Joseph *is* a fruitful bough, *even* a fruitful bough by a well; *whose* branches run over the wall:  
**Genesis 49:23** The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot *at him*, and hated him:  
**Genesis 49:24** But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty *God* of Jacob; (from thence *is* the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)  
**Genesis 49:25** *Even* by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:  
**Genesis 49:26** The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.  
**Genesis 49:27** Benjamin shall ravin *as* a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.  
**Genesis 49:28** All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel: and this *is it* that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.  
**Genesis 49:29** And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite,  
**Genesis 49:30** In the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace.  
**Genesis 49:31** There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.  
**Genesis 49:32** The purchase of the field and of the cave that *is* therein *was* from the children of Heth.  
**Genesis 49:33** And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

**Is the Son with the birthright the ruler? No!**

[**I Chronicles 5:1**](swordsearcher://bible/1chron5.1-2) Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he *was* the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.  
**I Chronicles 5:2** For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him *came* the chief ruler; but the birthright *was* Joseph's:)

**But after they were in the land-Joseph did not walk in God’s Law** ([Psalm 78:10](swordsearcher://bible/ps78.10)),

[**Psalm 78:58**](swordsearcher://bible/ps78.58-72) For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.  
**Psalm 78:59** When God heard *this*, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:  
**Psalm 78:60** So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *which* he placed among men;  
**Psalm 78:61** And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.  
**Psalm 78:62** He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.  
**Psalm 78:63** The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.  
**Psalm 78:64** Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.  
**Psalm 78:65** Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, *and* like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.  
**Psalm 78:66** And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.  
**Psalm 78:67** Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:  
**Psalm 78:68** But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.  
**Psalm 78:69** And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces*, like the earth which he hath established for ever.  
**Psalm 78:70** He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

**Psalm 78:71** From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.  
**Psalm 78:72** So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

**Joseph had to be removed from his father’s house to be a type of the Savior of Israel**

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| [**Psalm 105:1**](swordsearcher://bible/ps105) O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. **Psalm 105:2** Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. **Psalm 105:3** Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. **Psalm 105:4** Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore. **Psalm 105:5** Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; **Psalm 105:6** O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen. **Psalm 105:7** He *is* the LORD our God: his judgments *are* in all the earth. **Psalm 105:8** He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations. **Psalm 105:9** Which *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; **Psalm 105:10** And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant: **Psalm 105:11** Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance: **Psalm 105:12** When they were *but* a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it. **Psalm 105:13** When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people; **Psalm 105:14** He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes; **Psalm 105:15** *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm. **Psalm 105:16** Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread. **Psalm 105:17** He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant: **Psalm 105:18** Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: **Psalm 105:19** Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him. **Psalm 105:20** The king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free. **Psalm 105:21** He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance: **Psalm 105:22** To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom. **Psalm 105:23** Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. **Psalm 105:24** And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies. | [**Psalm 40:1**](swordsearcher://bible/ps40.1-16) I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. **Psalm 40:2** He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings. **Psalm 40:3** And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. **Psalm 40:4** Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. **Psalm 40:5** Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered. **Psalm 40:6** Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. **Psalm 40:7** Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me, **Psalm 40:8** I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart. **Psalm 40:9** I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. **Psalm 40:10** I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation. **Psalm 40:11** Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me. **Psalm 40:12** For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me. **Psalm 40:13** Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me. **Psalm 40:14** Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil. **Psalm 40:15** Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha. **Psalm 40:16** Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified. |

Are we illustrating God’s Purpose?

Written to you that believe on the name-Do you know that you have eternal life?

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| **The First Epistle of John** | | | | | |
| **Scope** | **He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.** **These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.** [**I John 5:12-13**](swordsearcher://bible/1jo5.12-13) | | | | |
| **Reference** | [**Chapter 1**](swordsearcher://bible/1jo1) | [**Chapter 2**](swordsearcher://bible/1jo2) | [**Chapter 3**](swordsearcher://bible/1jo3) | [**Chapter 4**](swordsearcher://bible/1jo4) | [**Chapter 5**](swordsearcher://bible/1jo5) |
| **Topic** | **Walking and Abiding in Light** | | **Abiding in Love** | | |
| **Plan** | Word of Life | Keep His Commandments | Dwell in Him | Try the spirits | Begotten in Him |
| **Command** | Walk in the Light | Abide in the Light | Do Righteousness | Dwell in Love Dwell in God | Overcome the world |
| **Main Idea** | [**I John 1:5**](swordsearcher://bible/1jo1.5) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. | | | | |
| **In Him** | But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin | But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him | He that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous | He who loveth God love his brother also. | By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. |
| **Not in Him** | If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth | He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him | Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God | If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar | He that hath not the Son of God hath not life. |
| **Summary** | [**I John 5:18**](swordsearcher://bible/1jo5.18) We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. [**I John 5:19**](swordsearcher://bible/1jo5.19) *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. | | | | |