

A Mother's Heart

(Genesis 29:17-30:21)

1. Leah was abused and ill treated by man

- a. Misunderstood & mistaken (29:17)
- b. Mistreated (29:23)
- c. Misused (29:26)
- d. Missed out (29:18, 20)
- e. Miserable (30:15)

2. Leah's heart and response to God was gratuitous

- a. Rueben - Behold a son (29:32)
- b. Simeon - Hearing (29:33)
- c. Levi - Attached (29:34)
- d. Judah - Praise the Lord (29:35)
- e. *Gad - Fortunate (30:11)*
- f. *Asher - Happy (30:13)*
- g. Issachar - Wages (30:18)
- h. Zebulun - Dwell with (30:20)

3. God's treatment to Leah was gracious

- a. God understood & had taken her into care (29:31)
- b. God treated her well (29:32-30:21)
- c. God used her to bring forth Judah – David – Jesus (salvation).
- d. God missed her not (29:31)
- e. God made her “fortunate” and “happy” (30:11, 13)
- f. God made her memorable (Ruth 4:11)

4. We have to honor our father and mother with gratitude

- a. Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16
- b. Matthew 15:4, 6, 19; Mark 7:10, 10:19; Luke 18:20
- c. Ephesians 6:2