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Worship Service
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JACOB: God's Rascal in the Grip of God's Grace

Lesson Fifteen • Genesis 34:1-31
Defilement at Shechem

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The sinfulness at Shechem reveals our NEED for the righteousness of God.

Danger of Shechem

By settling at Shechem, Jacob put his covenant family in danger of ASSIMILATING with the Canaanites.

"You shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine." Leviticus 20:26

Danger and Defilement at Shechem

1. Defiled Sister: Shechem DOES What He Shouldn't!

Rape of Dinah

- Dinah went out to SEE the women of the land, suggesting her motives may have been innocent but her actions were imprudent (v. 1).
- Shechem SAW her, seized her, and lay with her and humiliated her, suggesting she was the victim of rape (v. 2-4).

2. Defiled Response: Jacob DOESN'T DO What He Should!

Response of Jacob

Jacob responds with SILENCE and then indifference (v. 5-12).

3. Defiled Justice: Jacob's Sons DO MORE than They Should!

Revenge of Jacob's Sons

- Jacob's sons respond with ANGER and then deceit (v. 7, 13-24).
- Simeon and Levi went into the city and MURDERED every man, and then all the sons of Jacob went out and plundered the city (v. 25-29).
- Jacob was only concerned about how his sons brought TROUBLE on him (v. 30-31).

Takeaway from Shechem

Beware of the subtle DANGER of assimilating into the ways of the world instead of walking in the ways of God.

God's Way of Dealing with Sin

God sent His SON, who committed no sin, to bear our sin on the cross so that we might become the righteousness of God.

Therefore, anyone who commits even the most depraved sin can be forgiven by trusting in Jesus Christ for their salvation.

For our sake He made Him [Jesus Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

COMMUNION Remembering God's Grace in Jesus Christ

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation, identify with Christ in baptism, and commit to Christ's body in membership of a local church of like faith and practice) are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables in the auditorium. **After you take the bread and cup back to your seat, PLEASE WAIT so we may eat and drink together.** The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!