A Tale of Three Deceivers

You can probably remember an occasion on which you lied or deliberately deceived another person. The truth is important to God.

* He is “the God of truth” (literally, “the God of Amen” – Isaiah 65:16).
* Jesus is “the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6).
* God desires “truth in the innermost being” (Psalm 51:6).
* He commands us not to lie (Colossians 3:9).
* He shows us what happens to people who lie and deceive.

**What happens to deceivers?**

**1. A Deceiver *Deceived***

A. Jacob deceived *his father* (Gen. 27)

B. Laban deceived *Jacob* (29:15-30)

**2. A Deceiver *Defunded***

A. Jacob became *richer* (30:43)

B. Laban became *poorer* (31:1)

C. God made the *difference* (31:2-13)

**3. A Deceiver *Deceased***

A. Rachel was *condemned* (31:30-32)

B. Rachel died *young* (35:16-20)

**Application – Deceivers**

A. *Discarded* – Revelation 22:15

B. *Defended* – Revelation 22:14

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. What did the Lord say to you today through His word? Did you learn some new truth about God or yourself? Did the Lord challenge you, convict you, or encourage you?

2. Jeremiah 17:5-10.

* Where does deceit come from (v. 9)?
* Can we thoroughly understand our own deceitfulness? Who can?
* Verses 5-8 describe two kinds of people. What are they, and what are the results of their trust?
* Which kind of person is most likely to practice deceit and why?

4. Psalm 24:3-6. What privilege does the Lord grant to those who do not practice deceit? Why are truth and purity necessary for receiving this privilege?

5. How can we be made clean enough to enter God’s presence (Hebrews 9:13-14; 10:19-22)?

*Oh, what a tangled web we weave*

*When first we practice to deceive!*

Sir Walter Scott