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“The First Commandment”

Jacob (Part 7)

“You shall have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:3)

Life Rife with Strife

Genesis 30:1-2 – (1) “When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, ‘Give me children, or I shall die!’ (2) Jacob’s anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, ‘Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?’”

The Appalling Exchange

Romans 1:25 – “because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!...”

Jeremiah 2:11-13 – (11) “Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. (12) Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, (13) for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

Iconoclastic Initiatives:

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols.” (1 John 5:21)

“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!” (Psalm 34:8)

“But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.” (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

“Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37:4)

Oh, and about Rachel...

“Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. She conceived and bore a son and said, ‘God has taken away my reproach.’” (Genesis 30:22-23)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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