

SPIRITUAL TASK —WORK FOR THE IDEAL (Genesis 25, 29)

by the Rev. David Roth at the New Church of Boulder Valley

Story Jacob went away from his family and met Rachel and fell in love with her. Her father Laban said Jacob could marry her if he worked for seven years for her. He did and got Leah instead. He had to work seven more years for Rachel. Rachel couldn't bear children but Leah could.

Meaning The natural level of our lives is pictured by Jacob. To reform this level of ourselves we must have a vision for ideals and work for them. Our motives for doing what is good along the way will be mixed (working for Laban). We also only begin with a lower level of truth (Leah). But if we work at it we will eventually hit the mark (marry Rachel).

Task This week spend some time remembering what your dreams and hopes for yourself, your spiritual life, your marriage, your relationships, family, occupation and so on, really are. Write them down and recommit yourself to them (redefining and updating them if necessary). Each day ask the Lord to be with you as you do the work of reaching your goals for these important areas of your life. Don't give up!