

**Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Year!**



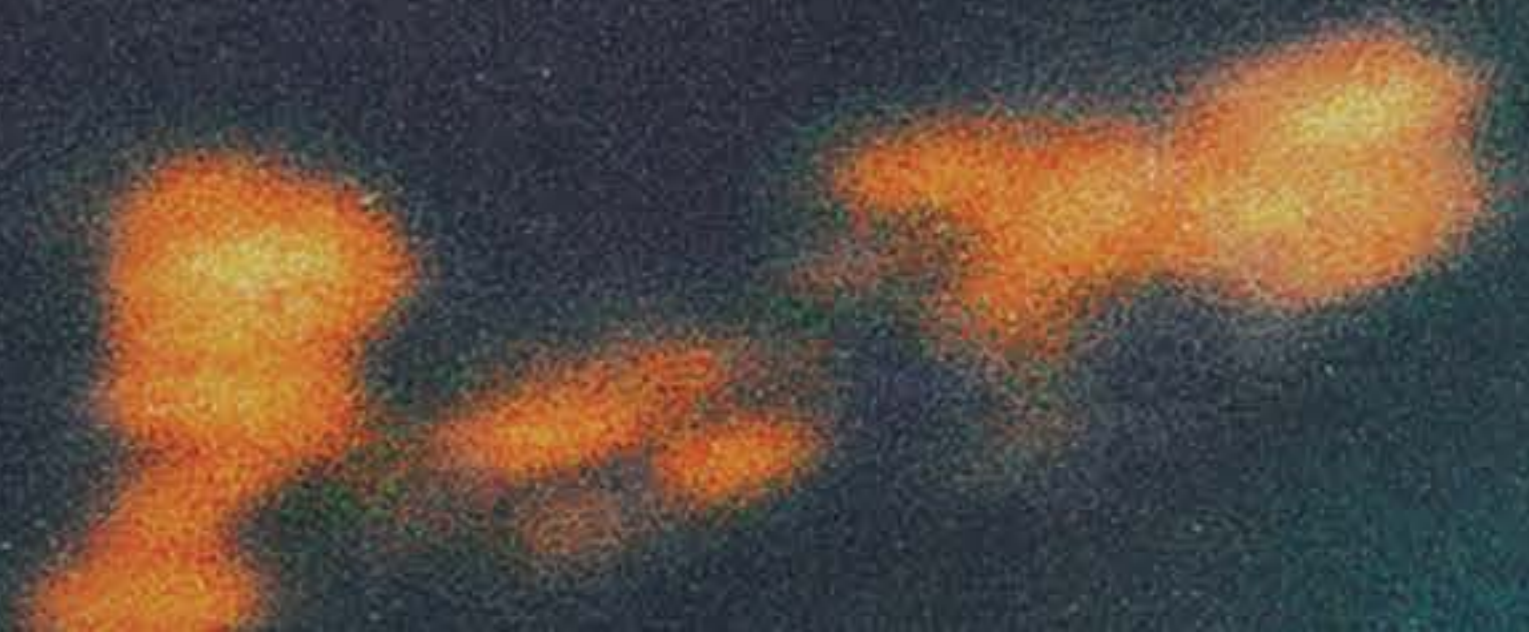
Blessed are those *unloved* by the world
For they shall be loved by God. (SLV)





Deeply loved

Unloved



Genesis 29:15-17

¹⁵Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷And Leah’s eyes were weak, **but Rachel was beautiful of form and face.**

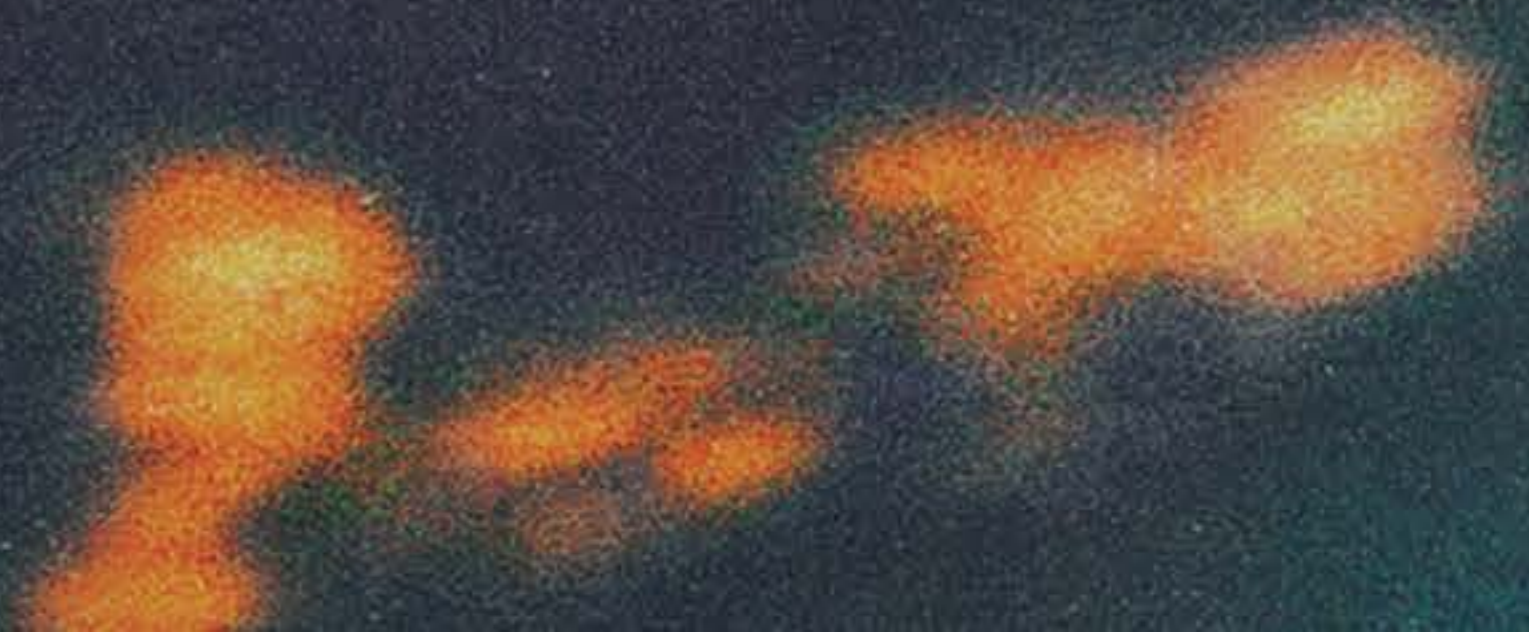
Genesis 29:18-20

¹⁸Now **Jacob loved Rachel**, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than to give her to another man; stay with me." ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him **but a few days because of his love for her**.



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Genesis 29:21

²¹Then Jacob said to Laban,
“Give me my wife, for my time
is completed, that I may go in
to her.”

Genesis 29:25

²⁵So it came about in the morning that, behold, it was Leah!
And he said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me?
Was it not for Rachel that I served with you? Why then have
you deceived me?”

Genesis 29:30

³⁰So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and indeed **he loved Rachel more than Leah**, and he served with Laban for another seven years.

How would Leah have felt?

From a human perspective, she saw herself as:

- A pawn in her father's game
- Rejected by her husband
- Less significant compared to her younger sister



Reuben

*“Because the Lord has seen my affliction, **surely my husband will love me.**”*



Simeon

*“Because the Lord has heard that **I am unloved.** He has therefore given me this son also.”*



Levi

*“Now this time my husband will **become attached to me,** because I have borne him three sons.”*



Judah

*“**This time I will praise the Lord.**”*

Leah's external circumstances did not change

- Still known as the woman who was unloved.
- Jacob's heart was still with Rachel even though Leah bore him 6 sons and 1 daughter
- Jacob's favourite son, Joseph, was borne by Rachel



Genesis 49:31

³¹There they buried Abraham and his wife Sarah, there they buried Isaac and his wife Rebekah, and there I buried Leah.

Levi: The Line of Priests



Judah: The Line of Kings



Human perspective: **Unloved**

Eternal perspective: **Loved and honoured by God**

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is **near to the brokenhearted**,
And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

See God not Man

Yield to Him not ourselves

3 things we can learn about God:

1. He notices those who are unloved.
2. He blesses/loves those who are unloved.
3. He understands those who are unloved.

1 John 4:10-11

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ENGLISH

The Lion & The Spear

Sat, 14 Dec | 4pm

Sat, 21 Dec | 4pm

Sun, 22 Dec | 10am & 4pm

Christmas Day Services

Wed, 25 Dec | 8.30 & 11am

@Sanctuary (Level 3)

Midweek Fellowship (Seniors)

Wed, 11 Dec | 10am

@Hall 1 (Level 1)

MANDARIN

Wed, 25 Dec | 10am

@Hall 1 (Level 1)

HOKKIEN

Sat, 21 Dec | 6.30pm

Tues, 24 Dec | 10.30am

@Hall 1 (Level 1)

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Sat, 21 Dec | 4pm

Sun, 22 Dec | 10am

Wed, 25 Dec | 8.30 & 11am

@Hall 2 (Level 2)

FILIPINO

Sun, 8 Dec | 11am

@Chapel (Level 2)

GOD'S LOVE OVERCOMES

Our Special Needs Ministry

Sat, 21 Dec | 10am

@Hall 2 (Level 2)

CANTONESE

Sat, 14 Dec | 9.30am

@Hall 2 (Level 2)

INDONESIAN

Sun, 15 Dec | 11am

@Room 1-04 (Level 1)

Blessed are those unloved by the world

Matthew 5:11-12

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Look to our eternal reward > earthly gain

Before the world began
You were on His mind
And every tear you cry
Is precious in His eyes
Because of His great love
He gave His only Son
Everything was done
So you would come
Nothing you can do
Could make Him love you more
And nothing that you've done
Could make Him close the door
Because of His great love
He gave His only Son
Everything was done
So you would come

Come to the Father
Though your gift is small
Broken hearts, broken lives
He will take them all
The power of the Word
The power of His blood
Everything was done
So you would come