BLESS IS THE ONE WHO IS PLANTED BY THE LORD

GLENDA MALMIN

"He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream..." Jer. 17:8

I. FOUR DETAILS ABOUT TRIALS

- *A. They are certain to come.
- *B. They can come suddenly.
- *C. They can come in various ways.
- *D. We are to have a good attitude.

- Gk. 'trials' = peirasmos
 - = a testing that is directed towards an end
- Gk. 'patience' = hupomone
 - = the ability to turn them into greatness & glory

II. LEAH'S LIFE

- A. Her Heritage
 - 1. She was the oldest daughter of Laban.
 - 2. Laban was a descendent of Abraham's brother, Nahor.

- *3. He practiced marriage customs unknown to Jacob.
- *4. He was a deceiver & a cheating businessman.

B. HER STATUS

- *1. First-born obligated by duty
- *2. 'Not beautiful' compared to another
- ×3. Unwanted daughter
 - ×Unwanted choice of a wife

B. HER MARRIAGE

- *1. Her husband loved another.
- *2. "Unloved" by her husband
- *3. She received compassion from the Lord
- *4. Loved her husband even in the midst of his rejection

B. HER CHILDREN

- *1. She knew the joy of giving birth.
- *2. She knew the barren womb experience.
- *3. She knew the grief of loss & shame.

III. LEAH'S TRUST & PLANTING

- *A. She trusted God
 - ×"Leah"
 - \times = to tire
 - ×= to be (or make) disgusted
 - ×= (make) weary

Man marked her in one way, but God marked her in another.

- *Jer. 31:1-9
- *Psa. 32:8
- *Psa. 45:13
- ×1 Pet. 5:7
- × Job 14:7-9

- *B. She gave her best
 - **X**Reuben
 - ×= Behold a son

- * Eccl. 3:11
- *1 Cor. 15:19
- ×2 Cor. 4:17-18
- *Job 10:8
- *Psa. 100:3
- *Psa. 139:13-16

- C. She listened to God's Voice
 - ×<u>Simeon</u>
 - ×= Hearing

- × Phil. 2:8
- *Psa. 37:6
- × Job 40:7
- *Lk. 7:22,23; Mt. 11:4-6
- ×Mt. 15:34

- D. She remained loyal
 - ×<u>Levi</u>
 - ×= Joined

- × Pro. 16:3
- *Pro. 31:15
- ×1 Sam. 2:35

"Give me a hundred men who fear nothing but sin, & desire nothing but God, & I will shake the world. I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; and such alone will overthrow the kingdom of Satan and build up the Kingdom of God on earth." John Wesley

- E. She offered praise in the midst of silence
 - × Judah
 - ×= Praise

- *Psa. 7:17
- *Psa. 9:1

"We who are the objects of His mercy should be the trumpets of His praises."

Simon Cameron

IV. LEAH'S REWARD

A. She is honored throughout history.

Mt. 1:2

B. She is honored in death. Gen. 49:30,31