

# I HAVE LOVED JACOB

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## CHAPTER ELEVEN

### A CONFESSION AND A HEARTACHE

“I AT FIRST learned to hate the Jews when I was a little girl of 12 years of age,” was the startling statement made to me one Sunday morning at the close of a Church service at which I had been the preacher.

I looked up and there was standing before me a very fine devout Christian woman of perhaps 50 years of age. I looked up to her inquiringly, and I suppose my look revealed my surprise, for the lady continued, “As a little girl I used to go to Sunday School, and I can still remember my teacher telling us what a bad man Jacob was, and then somehow in connection with the mention of Jacob being a bad man, my teacher worked in the idea which served the purpose of associating in my mind, the word Jew with the word Jacob. And so I grew up with the ever increasing conviction that Jacob was a tricky liar, that he was a Jew, and that all Jews were tricky, and could not be trusted. This morning you have opened my eyes, and I am asking God to forgive me for all these years of actual hatred and suspicion against the Jews.”

Among the Jews themselves—we mean, among their religious leaders—the distorted teaching in the Sunday Schools concerning Jacob, is placed alongside of the crucifixion story, as being responsible for the larger part of all the Jew hate that is existent among Church people today.

Please note, we did not say, “among Christian people,” but we said among Church people, because we are finding it more and more necessary to draw a clear line of demarcation in these days when the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is being so misrepresented and is being lived in such caricature before the Jewish people of our country.

If the reader understood these backgrounds of which I am speaking, I know that he would also understand, and most sympathetically too, why we have written this book, and he will do all in his power to cooperate with us, if even by raising the least little finger he can help, with us, to stem the rapid rise of the tide of Jew hate which may even threaten to engulf our own beloved America, where for 150 years, Jewish exiles from all parts of the world have found shelter and a chance to live.

May God grant that the day shall never come when it can be said of America what is now being said of Germany, “No Jews wanted”!

If that day ever should come, which God forbid, even as sure as night follows day, God Himself will write ICHABOD across the hills and valleys of this beautiful land of ours. But may it ever be true that America will provide a home and a shelter, a place of refuge for these helpless victims of such inhuman hate that only Satan himself can be the author of it; and so long as American shores shall continue to welcome the hordes of those seeking a home, a haven where their blood shall no longer run in the streets, where their women and their children shall no longer shriek to the high heavens with agonies which no man can describe, then so long will it be true of our country that God Himself will fulfill the solemn promises that He gave to Abraham of old in Genesis 12:3, "**I will bless them that bless thee.**" Amen and amen!

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