

Jacob's argument to Laban in Genesis 31.36-42

1. Show me the supposedly stolen items!
(hence, not a thief)
2. I've cared well for all your flock
(hence, a worthy worker/son-in-law)
3. I bore the loss of wounded/killed animals myself
(hence, care beyond normal standards)
4. I experienced heat and cold and lack of sleep for all these years
(hence, my suffering is worthy of reward)
5. I have kept my part of the bargain in working for you: 14 years for your daughters and six years for your animals
(hence, earned my wages)
6. But you have cheated me ten times
(hence, I am justified in not trusting you and leaving secretly)
7. God has protected me and rebuked you
(hence, resolved the dispute by providing justice)