

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"Stolen Blessing"
Genesis 27:1-40
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Genesis 27:1-13

Genesis 27 many commentators have given many different spins on the behavior of this family. (Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau)

There are "no heroes in the story, only sinners," because they are all wrong! A family of both jealousy and deceit.

Thought Of Our Passage: "God Is Never In Need Of Our Help And When We Do Attempt To Help, It Results In Added Difficulties To Ourselves"

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1. Verses 1-4 Isaac – God’s Will Over Mine:

Genesis 27:1 Now it came about, when Isaac was old, **Now-Context – Genesis 26** records that Isaac was tested (Famine) like Abraham and fell into the same sins as Abraham. Like Abraham, God through discipline turned Isaac back to Himself.

Genesis 26:25 Isaac’s Priorities Changed: (God First) built an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, (Family) and pitched his tent there; (Work) and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

when Isaac was old, Isaac is now 137 years old based on the death of his half-brother Ishmael **Genesis 25:17** Isaac died at 180 years old **Genesis 35:28**. Isaac lives another 43 years.

"Here I am." We see Esau responding to the call of his father.

Genesis 27:2 I am old and I do not know the day of my death. That is an important statement! None of us really know the day of our death.
Psalms 139:16

Genesis 27:3 go out to the field and hunt game for me; **Favoritism:** We know that Isaac loved Esau more than Jacob. **Genesis 25:28**
Genesis 27:4 so that my soul may bless "I desire with all my heart to bless" **bless four times 4,19,25,31**

Priorities Were Self: (Flesh ruled by appetites) Isaac thinks he is about to die, and food is at the top of the list: (Eating to live or living to eat!)

Abraham At Death: The covenant to continue, wanted a bride for Isaac.
King David At Death: Wanted to build a temple for the Lord.

Paul At Death: Wanted Timothy to be faithful and preach the Word.

(Isaac was spiritually stagnant)

and bring it to me that I may eat, so that my soul may bless you

This was all done in secret. Esau shared blame, he transferred the birthright to Jacob **Genesis 25:33** thus giving up his birthright. (Esau broke his own oath) Esau married pagans **Gen. 26:35**

before I die." Isaac is 137 and lived to 180, that is another 43 more years of living.

God Has Spoken: Genesis 25:23

The real problem with Isaac: Was his defiance to the will of God.

Isaac knew God's will, but he wanted Esau to be blessed.

2. Verses 5-17 Rebekah – Faith Instead Of Scheming:

Genesis 27:5 Rebekah Was Eavesdropping: Rebekah was listening while Isaac spoke to his son Esau.

Rebekah Made A Habit Of Eavesdropping: Genesis 27:42

1 Peter 3:7 show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life,

Verses 6-10 Rebekah's Scheming: "Oh what a tangled web we weave, When first we practice to deceive"

Genesis 27:6-8 Rebekah's failure was spiritual. Ephesians 5:22

Possibly Rebekah lost respect when Isaac lied about her **Genesis 26:7**

Genesis 27:9-10 Proverbs 19:21

Rebekah's Failure Was Spiritual: The result of her plan was 20 years of exile for Jacob. Rebekah never saw Jacob again.

Genesis 27:11-12 "Mom I may get caught!"

**Genesis 27:13 "Your curse be on me, my son; This did happen
Rebekah's Wrong Philosophy: "The End Justifies The Means"**

Genesis 27:14-17 Esau as hairy as a goat! Genesis 25:25 hairy garment;

3. Verses 18-29 Jacob – Deception, Lying Is Never Justified:
Genesis 27:18 Jacob tells 6 Different Lies:

Verse 19 Jacob Lies About His Name: Genesis 27:19

Lie #1 "I am Esau your firstborn;

Verses 19-20 Jacob Lies About The Food And The Lord:

Lie #2 I have done as you told me. Jacob claimed to have obeyed his father.

Lie #3 eat my game, As if the goat was the hunted deer/venison.

Genesis 27:20

Lie #4 "Because the LORD your God caused it to happen to me." In his lies, he even includes the Lord's name.

Verses 21-27 Jacob Lies About His Identity And His Love:

Genesis 27:21-24

Lie #5 "I am." Lies again about his identity.

Genesis 27:25-27

Lie #6 Hypocritical Kiss: So he came close and kissed him;

Genesis 27:28 (Natural and Material Blessings)

Genesis 27:29 (Political Authority in Nations and Family)

And may your mother's sons bow down to you. Jacob would have to salute Esau before Esau bowed to Jacob. **Genesis 32**

Cursed be those who curse you, And blessed be those who bless you." Genesis 12:3

Jacob's Sin Of Not Trusting God:

4. Verses 30-40 Esau – Some Decisions Can't Be Undone:

Genesis 27:30 that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. classic scene this is.

Genesis 27:31-32 What a shock this must have been!

Genesis 27:33 Then Isaac trembled violently, What is this all about?

The realization that he had tried to outwit God and had lost.

Yes, and he shall be blessed." Isaac's realization that God's plan would be carried out

Later the Lord would recount this incident and how it humbled Isaac.
Hebrews 11:20

God forgave Isaac's sin. God does not bring it up again. **Hebrews 10:17**

Genesis 27:34 he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, Esau, the man's man, screams like a woman and weeps like a baby!

Genesis 27:35 "Your brother came deceitfully, and has taken away your blessing."

Hebrews 12:15-17 Esau could not undo what he had done!

The tears were of regret not of repentance over sin.
2 Corinthians 7:10

Genesis 27:36 Then he said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? Jacob is living up to his name as trickster, but Esau was trying to get the blessing without Jacob knowing. (Resentful)

Genesis 27:37-38 The Bible does not tell us to sympathize with Esau but to learn from him. "Can't Unscramble Eggs"

Genesis 27:39 Esau was being put away from, but Jacob had been given the blessings of heaven.

Genesis 27:40 "By your sword you shall live, The Edomites were descended from Esau. They lived by the dead sea. They were under King David in his rule.

when you become restless, That you shall break his yoke from your neck." Later they broke away under King Joram. Hatred, murder, and anger follows Esau.

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