The Book of Beginnings

"A Home Out of Order"

Genesis 27:1-40

Genesis 25:29-34

But we also will see a home out of order, a divided home and a family that is not doing well spiritually. This homes division is a result of not dealing with sin in the home.

- 1. Isaacs plot verses 1-4
- 2. Rebekah's counterplot verses 5-17
- 3. Jacob's deceit verses 18-29
- 4. Esau's despair verses 30-40

1. Isaac's plot verses 1-4

v. 1

. But the Lord dealt and disciplined him so he returned to the Lord.

Genesis 26:25

- *** It is from this verse that we learn God's proper order, proper order in our lives and in our homes.
- 1. God first, God is always first. So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the LORD,
- 2. Family, home, and pitched his tent there;
- 3. Work, and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

But our society has turned this upside-down they have inverted it.

- 1. Work is first.
- 2. the family and/or home
- 3. And if we so happen to have extra time, I will give that to God.

v. 2

There is one thing here that I think we can all agree on. The Lord numbers our days and He gives us ample time to get our home in order.

vv. 3-4

Genesis 25:28 Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Are there problems in your home? In you marriage? With your children?

They both new to whom the blessing was supposed to go to. The prophesy of this blessing was given to them back in;

Genesis 25:23

Because of his own selfish will he is being disobedient as to what the Lord wants to do. This disobedience is really an act of rebellion. He knew all to well what the Lord had said. But he wanted to do things his own way.

2. Rebekah's counterplot verses 5-17

v. 5

Do you honestly believe that your problem is so big that God cannot take care of it?

It is when we fail to trust Him that brings more problems.

vv. 6-8

v. 9

v. 10

She knew the blessing should rightfully go to Jacob. But the manner in which it is being attained is not right. She is failing to wait and trust the Lord. This is a spiritual problem, it is a problem of the heart.

vv. 11-12

v. 13

Rebekah's thinking is much like many Christians today. I'm going to do what I need to do to get ahead. This excludes the Lord and His will. It is carnal thinking.

vv. 14-15

This is a flat out lie, a whole lot of deception going on here with the intent of robbing the blessing.

vv. 16-17

Instead of having a ear for the Lord and His will, His plan he was listening and taking direction from mom.

3. Jacob's deceit verses 18-29

v. 18

Here he is given the opportunity to come clean. To not go through with this plot. That is what the Lord does with us. He gives us every opportunity even unto the last possible moment to pull out of the nosedive we are in. But do we do it?

v. 19 Jacob said to his father, "<u>I am Esau</u> your firstborn; <u>I have done</u> just as you told me; please arise, sit and <u>eat of my game</u>, that your soul may bless me."

I am Esau ~ when he's not, he's Jacob.

I have done just as you told me; ~ no he didn't, his mom did. eat of my game, ~ it wasn't game, it was goat.

v. 20

vv. 21-24

5th lie. "Are you really my son Esau?" He said, "I am.

vv. 25-27

This is a kiss of a hypocrite much like in the New Testament when Judas kissed our Lord Jesus. How can you say you love someone and there is deception, lies, manipulation.

w. 28-29

Jacob took the hard road. Instead of waiting on the Lord he took the road of sin. That is the road of deception and lies and it is not an easy road to take. He failed to trust in the Lord as well as to trust His word.

4. Esau's despair verses 30-40

v. 30

The first thing we have to remember is that God's plan for this blessing had already been laid out, even before these two were born. The blessing belonged to Jacob, Isaac's second born son.

The second thing we need to remember is that Esau was more interested in the satisfaction of the flesh, the temporal, and the immediate things. He was not interested in the spiritual, that's why he could care less about his birthright and traded it for a bowl of the red stuff, for food.

Genesis 25:34^b New Living Translation (NLT)
He showed contempt for his rights as the firstborn.

w. 31-33

Isaac trembled exceedingly, ~ Why did he tremble like this? I believe that he recognized that he couldn't pull one over on God.

A mere man cannot change Gods plan. Nor can we stop it. So it is at this point that he tells his favorite son Esau.

"I have blessed him—and indeed he shall be blessed."

Did you know that God forgives us of our sins and he choses to not remember them. Isaac is mentioned in the chapter of faith but not his sin.

Hebrews 11:20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.

Hebrews 10:17 "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."

v. 34

Genesis 26:34-35

He wanted God's blessings with out having to be obedient. Or we can say it this way. He wanted God's blessings on his terms.

What makes us think that God will bless us when we live like the devil? Why do we ask for a blessing when there is deception?

When there is lies? When there is manipulation?

v. 35

Hebrews 12:17 For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

2 Corinthians 7:10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

vv. 36-38

vv. 39-40

Application: We have to learn from these examples.

Isaac ~ needed to accept and do God's will, not his own.

Rebekah ~ needed to trust the Lord instead of taking matters into her own hands and manipulation the situation.

Jacob ~ needed to recognize that it is never good to use lies and deception to accomplish things. This is sin.

Esau ~ needed to repent not just be remorseful. Repent to be saved.