

Isaac Blesses his sons
Gen. 27 thru 35

Isaac Gets blessed while out of God's Will

- God's promises Isaac "I will bless" (26:3)
- Isaac gets out of God's Will...
- The Lord blessed him
- Gen. 26: 12; he sowed in the land...
- He received in the same year an hundred fold
- 26:13 He became great...
- He went forward...
- He became very great...
- He had to separate because of his great might!

God is faithful

- He is faithful that promised (Heb.10:23)
- He cannot not deny himself (2Tim.2:13)
- Cf. After ye have done the will of God ye receive the promise Heb.10:36
- Rebekah conceived (Gen.25:23)
- Two nations are within thee and two manner of people; one people will be stronger than the other people and the elder shall serve the younger....
- Esau typifies the unbeliever; Jacob the man of faith

Esau and Jacob compared

Esau “a cunning hunter”

- Vs.27-the hunter speaks of roving, daring, a stranger in peace
- Vs.27- a man of the field
- The field is a reference to the world Matt.13:38
- A man of the World; worldly

Jacob “a plain man”

- Dwelt in tents Vs.27
- The Hebrew word “Tam” translates “perfect” Upright, undefiled
- Dwelling in tents connotes the idea of a stranger and a pilgrim
- No permanent residence here but seeking one to come

Esau's Return

- Esau returns from the world hungry and faint.
- This is often the case with worldly people.
- The world affords nothing that can satisfy a man's spiritual needs
- Man in contrast to beasts are essentially spiritual being
- Whoever drinks of the world system will hunger again

Jacob makes Esau a shrewd offer

- Gen.27:31- Sell me this day, thy birthright
- A birthright is obtained by grace from God
- A birthright was a cherished possession
- A birthright carried with it dignity and power, a double portion (Gen.49:3)
- In connection with the family of Abraham it carried with it privilege of being the depository and communicator of divine secrets (a Priest)

Esau Had a low estimate of the blessing of Abraham

- Gen.25:32-What profit shall this birthright do me?
- He sold his birthright for a bowl of soup.
- An interpretation might be. I cant live off promises give me meat today.
- Bring me venison, that my soul may bless thee before I die. Gen.27:4
- Rebekah acts in her own strength (27:6)

Isaac's Blessing

- Jacob and Rebekah are complicit in deception.
- He impersonates his brother, he lies to his father and all in the name of the Lord. (27:20)
- Jacob receives Esau's Blessing Gen.27:27-29)
- After selling his birthright and losing his blessing Esau receives this blessing (Gen.27:39-40)

Summary

- 1) Don't trade divine privilege for selfish gratification
- 2) Beware of doing evil for a good reason
- 3) Depend on grace to prevent us from acting in our own strength to override God's Will