

## Genesis 26:34 – 28:9

### Genesis 26:34-35

Remember the simplicity with which Isaac married Rebekah. It is likely that Isaac and Rebekah were not asked their opinion before the marriages.

### Genesis 27:1-17

Vs. “so that my soul may bless you.” This was more than saying “with all my heart.” Isaac wished to transfer to Esau all his vitality and God’s blessing and promise to Abraham.

God had decreed that the older child would serve the younger (25:23-26), yet Isaac planned to bless Esau, his favorite. Esau had sold his birthright, which included the right to the blessing, yet he disregarded the oath he had sworn to Jacob by agreeing to Isaac’s plan. Despite the fact that God had already told her that Jacob would become the family leader, Rebekah took matters into her own hands. Jacob was less concerned about deceiving his father than getting caught.

**Genesis 27:18-29** Jacob had already bought the birthright from Esau (25:31-34). The birthright included the transfer of the blessing. Jacob had the right to go to his father and demand it, but instead, engaged in a deliberately orchestrated, and deeply involved deception. “Jacob,” which had meant simply, “he who grasped the heel” came to mean deception.

Notice vs. 20 “your God.” What does that say about Jacob’s heart? Read Romans 5:8

**Genesis 27:30-41** Esau blames Jacob, but it was his shortsightedness that deprived him of the blessing. What warning does Esau’s grief give to us? Read Hebrew 12:15-17

Esau reacted with anger. Compare this story to that of Cain and Abel. What steps/actions can we take to control our feelings and keep our testimonies even when wronged? Look up – Phil 4:4-7, Phil 4:12, James 1:19-20.

### Genesis 27:42-46

How does Rebekah continue to manipulate her husband into fulfilling her agenda?

**Genesis 28:1-5** Isaac agrees with Rebekah's plan, he calls Jacob, he gives him instruction, his blessing, and sends him to the home of Rebekah’s brother (Jacob’s uncle). The blessing is the Abrahamic blessing. What about God’s will does Isaac acknowledge by blessing his son?

**Genesis 28:6-9** Discuss that moment of Esau’s realization in vs.8.

Consider how separated the family appears in this story, which ends in anger and more separation. What Rebekah thought would be a few days became 20 years and she never saw Jacob again. What sin leads to the splintering of the family?

God’s purpose remained firm despite the sinfulness of each of the family members. Look up – Genesis 50:20, Romans 9:10-12

As He did for Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:9) the Lord obviously put His words in Isaac’s mouth because the blessing and antiblessing (v. 29, 40) came true. Jacobs descendents obtained a dominant position among the nations, and in time his line produced Christ. Esau’s descendents (the Edomites) were subservient to Israel, but in time they did “throw off Israel’s yoke” (2 Kings 8:20-22).