

Cherished Bible Stories

Lesson 8



A Story Of Deception (Genesis 25, 27)

Introduction

The family God promised Abraham and his descendants continues to grow with each generation. Just because these accounts chronicle Biblical families does not mean the people were perfect. The word of God *never* hides the imperfections of men...even "heroes of faith" had some and they are displayed here.

The choices of some we read in this story remind us that whether we choose good or evil, God can use us in the furtherance of His plans. Obviously, He would like us to choose good.

Read the story and be prepared to answer the following questions.

- 1) What had God told Rebekah before the twins were born? (25:21-23) Is 25:26a significant?

- 2) What tragic information is recorded in 25:27-28? Can anything good ever come out of "parental favoritism?" What lesson(s) can modern-day parents learn from this story?

- 3) What event is described in 25:29-34? What did Jacob do wrong? What was Esau's error? Do you see any spiritual applications to be made? Besides Heb. 12:16, what other N.T. passages could be considered in your answer?

- 4) How is Isaac described in 27:1a? What does he desire to do? (27:1b-4)

- 5) What does Rebekah do in 27:5-17? What do you think is motivating her in this...25:23 or 25:28b? How does she answer Jacob's "objections" to her plans?

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- 6) What does Jacob do a 1st time? (27:18-19) A 2nd time? (27:20) A 3rd time? (27:21-24)

- 7) What was the final deception? (27:25-27a)

- 8) Describe the blessing Isaac pronounces. (27:28-29)

- 9) What happens in 27:30-33? How does Esau react? (27:34-38; cp. Heb. 12:17)

- 10) Though not a "blessing," what words does Isaac have for Esau? (27:39-40)

- 11) How did all this affect Esau? (27:41) How did his mother react? (27:42-45)

- 12) How did Rebekah deceive her husband one more time? (27:46)