

“Empty Tears” • Genesis 27:30–41

Mt. Lassen Community Church • October 12, 2025

Intro • *Hebrews 12:15–17* • *What is something you did as a child that got you into the most trouble—especially when you refused to repent?*

Backstory – Genesis 25:27–34 • Esau despises his birthright, selling it to Jacob for a bowl of stew. Esau, a red-haired man, loves the red stew! His future tribe are the “REDS” (edom-ites).

The birthright is no joke • _____

Vs 34 • “thus Esau despised his birthright” • This wasn’t just about being snarky—Esau *lived out* this despising → **Genesis 36:34–35** • Esau marries two Canaanite women, bringing grief to his parents! He had no desire to live for the God of Abraham in Canaan.

Discuss • *What is our “birthright” as believers in Jesus? (John 1:12; Ephesians 2:4–7) How might we despise the Birthright? (Romans 2:4–8)*

Chapter 27:1–32 • Jacob deceives Isaac for the Patriarchal Blessing

Vs 30–33 • Esau Returns to be blessed, but it is too late!

Vs 34–36 • Esau cries out: *Jacob has “jacobed” me again!*

Esau’s Empty Tears • Hebrews 12:15–17 • Esau wants the blessing so badly he is weeping, but he is rejected with no repentance” in his heart!

He has “come short of the grace of God” because of (1) bitterness (2) he is “godless”—he wants to be the boss of his own life instead of God

REPENTANCE LESSONS FROM ESAU

1 • Bitterness and Blame can keep us from repentance _____

2 • True repentance means heading back toward God—with a broken and contrite heart (Psalms 51:17). _____

3 • There is no blessing without repentance! (2 Peter 3:9). _____

4 • Repentance itself is a blessing (Acts 3:19 & Romans 2:4). _____

Vs 39–41 • Esau’s Grudge • Esau is unrepentant—now seen in his murderous rage against his brother (like Cain against Abel).

BIG LESSON: *Tears aren’t the same as repentance!* _____

The History of Esau’s Tribe:

- Live at Mt. Seir as a thorn to Israel • They trouble Israel in the Exodus
- David subdues Edom militarily • Obadiah prophesizes their doom

Individual Edomites in scripture:

- Doeg works for King Saul, hunting David
 - The Herods in the New Testament are Edomites (Idumeans)
 - Herod Antipater becomes an ally of Julius Caesar
 - Herod the Great is installed as the “King of the Jews” and tries to kill baby Jesus in Bethlehem
 - Herod Archelaus is a threat, so Joseph & Mary take Jesus to Galilee
 - Herod Antipas kills John the Baptist
 - Herod Agrippa I kills Jesus’ brother James; Agrippa is struck down as he is worshiped as a god
- This is Esau’s legacy!*

Closing: Isaiah 55:6–7 • Seek the Lord while He may be found!

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*PSALM 51:17 • THE SACRIFICES
OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT; A
BROKEN AND A CONTRITE HEART,
O GOD, YOU WILL NOT DESPISE.*

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