



THE GOOD
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CHARACTER STUDIES

Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹These are the family records of Isaac son of Abraham. Abraham fathered Isaac. ²⁰Isaac was forty years old when he took as his wife Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan-aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife because she was childless. The Lord was receptive to his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²But the children inside her struggled with each other, and she said,



Genesis 25:19-34

"Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³And the Lord said to her:

Two nations are in your womb;

two peoples will come from you and be separated.

One people will be stronger than the other,

and the older will serve the younger.



Genesis 25:19-34

²⁴When her time came to give birth, there were indeed twins in her womb. ²⁵The first one came out red-looking, covered with hair like a fur coat, and they named him Esau.





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²⁶After this, his brother came out grasping Esau's heel with his hand. So he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when they were born.



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²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau became an expert hunter, an outdoorsman, but Jacob was a quiet man who stayed at home. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau because he had a taste for wild game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.



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²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field exhausted. ³⁰He said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, because I'm exhausted." That is why he was also named Edom.



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³¹ Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

³² "Look," said Esau, "I'm about to die, so what good is a birthright to me?"

³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to Jacob and sold his birthright to him. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave bread and lentil stew to Esau; he ate, drank, got up, and went away. So Esau despised his birthright.



Hebrews 12:14-16

¹⁴Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness—without it no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵Make sure that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no root of bitterness springs up, causing trouble and defiling many. ¹⁶And make sure that there isn't any immoral or irreverent person like Esau, who sold his birthright in exchange for a single meal...



Genesis 26:34-35

³⁴When Esau was forty years old, he took as his wives Judith daughter of Beerli the Hethite, and Basemath daughter of Elon the Hethite. ³⁵They made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.



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- God is Sovereign in Salvation, but I believe that all can be saved...John 3:16



Malachi 1:1-13

THE LORD'S LOVE FOR ISRAEL

¹A pronouncement:

The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi.

²"I have loved you," says the Lord.

Yet you ask, "How have you loved us?"

"Wasn't Esau Jacob's brother?" This is the Lord's declaration. "Even so, I loved Jacob, ³but I hated Esau. I turned his mountains into a wasteland, and gave his inheritance to the desert jackals."



Romans 9:6-13

GOD'S GRACIOUS ELECTION OF ISRAEL

⁶Now it is not as though the word of God has failed, because not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Neither is it the case that all of Abraham's children are his descendants. On the contrary, your offspring will be traced through Isaac. ⁸That is, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but the children of the promise are considered to be the offspring.

⁹For this is the statement of the promise: At this time I will come, and Sarah will have a son.



Romans 9:6-13

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¹⁰And not only that, but Rebekah conceived children through one man, our father Isaac. ¹¹For though her sons had not been born yet or done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to election might stand - ¹²not from works but from the one who calls—she was told, The older will serve the younger. ¹³As it is written: I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau.





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