

“Isaac Blesses Jacob” (Genesis 27:1-46)

For the week of September 26, 2021

Read Genesis 27:1-17

Observation

What is Isaac's plan?

Compare Isaac's speech in verses 2-4 to Rebekah's report of it in verse 6. What does Rebekah leave out, and what does she add?

What is Rebekah's plan?

Describe the dysfunction occurring in the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah. Where is Isaac wrong as a father, and where is Rebekah wrong as a mother?

From reading just these verses 1-17, what is the relationship between the brothers Esau and Jacob like?

Interpretation

A blessing from a father to his son was very important. Why would Isaac only discuss a blessing with Esau, his first born? Did he purposely omit Jacob? Why or why not?

How does the sin of Rebekah impact the conduct of Jacob?

Read the following passages regarding deception. Summarize the meaning of these passages.

- Galatians 6:7-8
- Proverbs 10:9
- Psalm 52:2
- Ephesians 4:31-32
- Luke 6:31

Application

Rebekah influenced Jacob negatively. How do a person's words and actions influence (positively or negatively) people they interact with? How do you positively impact others with your words and actions? What can you do to be more consistent in doing this?

Read Genesis 27:18-29

Observation

Describe what occurs in this passage.

How many times did Jacob lie in this passage? Did it appear Jacob was conflicted as he lied? Why or why not? What does this say about Jacob?

Interpretation

How did Jacob think he could get away with this? How did he justify in his mind that this was all okay to do? What does this say about rationalizing sinful actions?

What do the actions of Jacob and Isaac reveal about their attitude toward God and each other?

Application

Every family has experienced some level of dysfunction so what is the answer to family harmony? It is when each member dies to his own selfish way and lives for God's way. How has this occurred in your family? Share!

Read Genesis 27:30-46

Observation

Describe the dramatic scene between Isaac and Esau.

Isaac "trembled very violently" in verse 33. Was he trembling only because he had been deceived or was it that he was fighting against the will of God, or both? Explain your answer.

What are the significant things which Isaac highlights as now belonging to Jacob (verses 35-37)?

Interpretation

What will this scheme cost Jacob?

How do we know for sure that Esau is not simply an innocent bystander in all that has happened (read Hebrews 12:14-17)?

What would Esau have to gain by killing Jacob, and what would he have to lose?

Application

What is the difference between regret and repentance?

What truths about God can believers depend on when facing long-term consequences related to our sins?

What do you learn from this chapter about how God uses flawed sinners in His perfect plan, and why?