

FATHER DRIVING - Comfort of His Control

Genesis 25:11 - After the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.

BLESSED TRUTH - IN CHRIST, OUR LIVES ARE IN HIS HANDS + BLESSED.

However, WORKS OUT IN BROKEN WORLD.

Romans 8:28 - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to his purpose.

GREAT WHEN HIS PURPOSES MATCH UP WITH OUR DESIRES / WORLDVIEWS ETC.

HARD WHEN HIS PURPOSES DO NOT.

⇒ GOD IS FEROCIOUSLY DEVOTED TO HIS PEOPLE + HIS PURPOSES

∴ SOMETIMES HIS PEOPLE NEED TO BE SHAKEN,

THEIR DREAMS REALIGNED, THEIR IDEAS CRUSHED

SO WE CAN UNITE WITH HIS PURPOSES FOR OUR GOOD

WHERE ARE WE? ↴

Genesis 25:19-20 - These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.

① OUR GOD IS IN CONTROL & HEARS OUR PRAYERS.

LEAVE UP

Genesis 25:21-22 - And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.

PRAY IN FAITH TO A GOD WHO LISTENS

BROKENNESS OF WORLD AFFECTING THIS FAMILY GENERATIONALLY
HOWEVER, GODLY APPROACH THIS TIME..

* PRAYING CONFIDENTLY - THROUGH ROOM

1 John 5:14 - And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

WALK IN FAITH w/ A GOD WHO IS NEAR

SOMETIMES ANSWER IS PUZZLING - what's happening?

* TWO SIDES ① REJECTING GIFT ② WRESTLING w/ GOD

COMMUNING IN FAITH WITH A GOD WHO LOVES

* COMMUNING WITH GOD IS THE GOAL OF PRAYER

KEEP COMING BACK, WHICH IS GOOD - SATISFIED IN HIM

Philippians 4:6-7 - do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GETS STRONGER
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② OUR GOD IS IN CONTROL + HE WORKS HIS WILL

Genesis 25:23 - And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger." WHAT IS HAPPENING? - ROM 9 HELPS US SEE MORE OF GOD'S PLAN.

Romans 9:6-15 - But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— she was told, "The older will serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

① PAUL ASKING - IF SOME JEWISH PPL DON'T BELIEVE IN JESUS, DID GOD FAIL? NO!

② ISHMAEL - NOT SON OF PROMISE, BUT ISAAC - EASY TO AGREE - HAGAR!

③ JACOB/ESAU - SAME PARENTS BEFORE BORN, BEFORE ANY GUILT, GOD CHOOSES JACOB OVER ESAU (ISRAEL/EDOM) LOVE/HATE - REFORMED/CAVINISTIC - JACOB IS ELECT, ESAU NOT | PURPOSE OF ELECTION | ESAU IS CUT OFF. - FREE GRACE/ARMINIAN - "LOVELESS" - LOVED BOTH, HAS MORE TO DO WITH NATIONS

WHEREVER YOU LAND, HERE'S WHAT'S CLEAR W/ THIS DECLARATION

① GOD IS DISRUPTING ORDER - SALVATION NOT THRO WIVES/BIRTH

② GOD'S SALVATION ISN'T EARNED - BOTH MEN FAIL GREATLY

③ GOD IS THE GREAT ORCHESTRATOR.

④ GOD IS JUST AND GOD WORKS HIS WILL - BE GRATEFUL, BE ACTIVE - OUR ORDERS THE SAME



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Genesis 25:24-28 - When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Family differences/favoritism

③ OUR GOD IS IN CONTROL + HE REPURPOSES OUR REBELLION

Genesis 25:29-34 - Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

TWO THINGS HAPPENING

① TRAGIC SCENES

① JACOB TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EASILY TEMPTED BROTHER
How do we take advantage?

② ESAU SHIRKING INHERITANCE + PRIESTHOOD FOR FOOD.
How do we pass off the inheritance we've received?

② GOD'S PLAN IS COMING TO PASS

IN THE MYSTERY, GOD IS USING THIS REBELLION
IN HIS GREATER PLAN OF REDEMPTION
w/ INHERITANCE!

CHRIST IS THE BRIDGE THAT ALLOWS US TO DO THE SAME

We can fight for control, shirk control, or trust his control,
all while striving w/ the power he gives us
If our goal is God, then all things do work together.

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Jacob and Esau

“Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.”—Romans 9:13

Do not imagine for an instant that I pretend to be able thoroughly to elucidate the great mysteries of predestination. There are some men who claim to know all about the matter. They twist it round their fingers as easily as if it were an everyday thing; but depend upon it, he who thinks he knows all about this mystery, knows but very little. It is but the shallowness of his mind that permits him to see the bottom of his knowledge; he who dives deep, finds that there is in the lowest depth to which he can attain a deeper depth still. **The fact is, that the great questions about man’s responsibility, free-will, and predestination, have been fought over, and over, and over again, and have been answered in ten thousand different ways; and the result has been, that we know just as much about the matter as when we first began. The combatants have thrown dust into each other’s eyes, and have hindered each other from seeing; and then they have concluded, that because they put other people’s eyes out, they could therefore see.**

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Now, it is one thing to refute another man's doctrine, but a very different matter to establish my own views. It is very easy to knock over one man's hypothesis concerning these truths, not quite so easy to make my own stand on a firm footing. I shall try to-night, if I can, to go safely, if I do not go very fast; for I shall endeavour to keep simply to the letter of God's Word. I think that if we kept more simply to the teachings of the Bible, we should be wiser than we are; for by turning from the heavenly light of revelation, and trusting to the deceitful will-o'-the-wisps of our own imagination, we thrust ourselves into quags and bogs where there is no sure footing, and we begin to sink; and instead of making progress, we find ourselves sticking fast. The truth is, neither you nor I have any right to want to know more about predestination than what God tells us. That is enough for us. If it were worth while for us to know more, God would have revealed more. What God has told us, we are to believe, but to the knowledge thus gained, we are too apt to add our own vague notions, and then we are sure to go wrong. It would be better, if in all controversies, men had simply stood hard and fast by "Thus saith the Lord," instead of having it said, "Thus and thus I think." I shall now endeavour, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to throw the light of God's Word upon this great doctrine of divine sovereignty, and give you what I think to be a Scriptural statement of the fact, that some men are chosen, other men are left,—the great fact that is declared in this text,—"Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

It is a terrible text, and I will be honest with it if I can. One man says the word "hate" does not mean hate; it means "love less:"—"Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I loved less." It may be so: but I don't believe it is. At any rate, it says "hate" here; and until you give me another version of the Bible, I shall keep to this one. I believe that the term is correctly and properly translated; that the word "hate" is not stronger than the original; but even if it be a little stronger, it is nearer the mark than the other translation which is offered to us in those meaningless words, "love less." I like to take it and let it stand just as it is. The fact is, God loved Jacob, and he did not love Esau; he

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