

"Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." – Leo Tolstoy

"He who is later capable of wrestling with God wrestles little with his mother or his conscience." – Victor Hamilton

"See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears." – Genesis 12:15–17

"Both [the birthright and the blessing] pertain to the firstborn's inheritance rights—the birthright, to property; the blessing, to divine potency, prosperity, and dominion. Together they make the inheritor the primary carrier of the family heritage—economic, social, and religious." – Bruce Waltke

"And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." – Genesis 17:7