

Genesis 27:1-17 Isaac Desires To Eat Esau's Fresh Hunted Game (Isaac Calls to Bless Esau, Jacob's Deception)

Gen 27:1 Now it came to pass (or happened one day), when Isaac was old, and his eyes were so dim that he could not see (pretty much blind), that he(Isaac) called Esau his older son (and favorite son) and said to him, "My son." And he answered him (his father), "Here I am."

Gen 27:2 Then he(Isaac) said, "Behold now (listen up), I am old. I do not know the day of my death.

Isaac was approximately 137 years old and lived another 43 years after this blessing was given to Jacob (Gen 35:27-29 below).

Gen 35:27 Then Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kirjath Arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had dwelt.

Gen 35:28 Now the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years.

Gen 35:29 So Isaac breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people, being old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Gen 27:3 "Now therefore, please take your weapons (hunting gear), your quiver (of arrows) and your bow, and go out to the field (open fields and country) and hunt (wild) game for me.

Gen 27:4 "And make (prepare for) me savory food (my favorite, fresh delicious wild game), such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat, that my soul (not Spirit) may bless you before I die (as my firstborn son, which he knew was contrary to God's will)."

The Danger of "Helping" God through Fleshly Manipulation

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Admittedly, from Isaac the Spirit is not involved in this issue at all; it is his soul. It is his flesh. "I want some delicious food that my soul might bless you before I die.

The carnal affection Isaac had for his son a hunter and his food made him forget what God spoke to his wife. Gen 25:23 And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."

Isaac insisted on giving the blessing to Esau, a man of the flesh, not concerned with spiritual things (Genesis 25:23), who despised his birthright. Spiritual Failure: Esau chose temporary physical comfort (a single bowl of food) over eternal spiritual inheritance. He walked away without any regret, showing utter disregard for God's covenant. The fact

Isaac tried to dispense the blessing secretly showed he knew what he wanted to do was wrong, sinful a work of the flesh (Gal 5:16-26).

As the bearer of the birthright, Esau was supposed to protect the holy lineage of Abraham. Instead, he chose wives from the local pagan Canaanite tribes, showing he cared nothing for the spiritual purity of his family line.

Gen 27:5 Now Rebekah was listening (**overheard**) when Isaac spoke, to Esau his (**oldest**) son. And Esau went (**and left**) to the field (**open fields and country**) to hunt (**wild**) game and to bring it (**back and cook it**).

Gen 27:6 So Rebekah spoke to Jacob her (**younger**) son (**and favorite son**), saying, "Indeed (**listen carefully**) I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying,

Gen 27:7 'Bring me (**wild**) game and make savory food (**delicious meal with fresh meat**) for me, that I may eat it and bless you (**declare my blessing**) in the presence of the LORD, before my death.'

The patriarch's formal blessing, offered before the LORD, was equivalent to an inalterable command and prophecy, whose outcome was assured. For that reason it had great importance and tangible value, especially for the firstborn son. When Esau sold his birthright (25:33), he did not imagine that, as a consequence, he would actually lose the blessing to which he had originally been entitled as the firstborn (quote from AMP).

Rebekah Jacobs mom, plans the deception, but Jacob is still responsible for the part he played, and approved it but what he did.

Gen 27:8 "Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to what I command you (**listen carefully and do exactly what I tell you!**).

Gen 27:9 "Go now to the flock and bring me from there, two choice kids of the goats (**two of the best young goats**), and I will make savory food, from them (**goats**) for your father, such as he loves (**his favorite dish**).

This deceptive plan is sin Rebekah should have waited for God to perform his promise.

Gen 27:10 "Then you shall take it to your father, that he may eat it, and that he may bless you, before his death."

Good men and women have done wrong when they have thought of aiding, striving and helping in the fulfillment of promises, dreams and visions also errors in interpretation of them. Rebekah used manipulative scheming to fulfill what she thought was God's plan

Gen 27:11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Look (**Jacob protested**), Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth-skinned man.

Esau was clearly distinguished from Jacob by his hairy appearance starting at birth
Gen 25:25 And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau.

Gen 25:26 Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

Gen 25:27 So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.

Gen 25:28 And Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Gen 27:12 "Perhaps (**or suppose**) my father will feel me (**my smooth skin**), and I shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and I shall bring a curse on myself, and not a blessing."

Gen 27:13 But his mother said to him(**her son Jacob**), "Let your curse be on me, my son; only (now just) obey my voice, and go, get them(**young goats**) for me."

Don't ever lie and scam thinking you are helping God out, and they say any curse shall be on me not you.

The Religious Leaders' Role: The chief priests and elders deliberately stirred up the crowd. They pressured the multitude to demand the release of a criminal named Barabbas and to shout "Let Him be crucified. Matthew 27:22–25, during the trial of Jesus before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. When Pilate washed his hands to show he didn't want responsibility for the execution, the crowd responded: "His blood be on us and on our children! . By saying this, the crowd was telling Pilate, "We take full legal responsibility for His death. If Jesus is actually innocent, let the guilt and consequences of His murder fall on us and our descendants, not on you (Pilate)

Gen 27:14 And he(**Jacob**) went and got them(**two young goats**) and brought them to his mother, and his mother made savory food (**delicious meat dish**), such as his father loved.

Gen 27:15 Then Rebekah took the choice (**best**) clothes of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.

Gen 27:16 And she(**Rebekah**) put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck (**covering those areas**).

Gen 27:17 Then she(**Rebekah**) gave the savory food (**the delicious meal**) and the bread (**freshly baked bread**), which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

Genesis 27:18-29 Jacob Brings Meal Pretends To Be Esau

Gen 27:18 So he(**Jacob**) went to his father and said, "My father." And he(**Isaac**) said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son? (**Which son are you, Esau or Jacob**)"

Gen 27:19 Jacob (**pretending to be Esau**) said to his father (**Isaac**), "I am Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my (**wild**) game that your soul may bless me."

Gen 27:20 But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" And he(**Jacob**) said (**pretending to be Esau**), "Because the LORD your God brought it to me (**caused it to happen**)."

Jacob was assured of this blessing by faith: yet he did evil to get it by lies, even more because he used Gods name to validate it.

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Jacob is not honorable in this whole thing. He is deceiving and he is lying. Isaac is not honorable. He is trying to cross the plan of God. He is trying to give the blessing to Esau, which God said would go to Jacob. Esau had already sold his birthright. The father knew that. Rebekah isn't totally honorable. She has set up the whole deception.

Here, again, we have an interesting story in which there are people who believe firmly in the purposes that God has declared, have faith in God and his purposes, but make the mistake of somehow believing that God cannot accomplish his purposes apart from our help.

Abraham and Sarah. God wants to give you a child that you can bestow the family goods upon. I know that God wants to give you a son, so take Hagar. Let's help God out." This is the exact same situation where Rebekah...and interesting the suggestion comes again from Rebekah, from the woman. "Let's help God out. God wants you, Jacob, to have the blessing. Your dad is going to blow things, so let's help God out."

You cannot stop the purposes of God from being fulfilled. You may fail for sure. God will raise up someone else. God is going to get His work accomplished and He doesn't need our help. Now that to me is disappointing at times. I sought so hard to help God out. But I think of all of the problems that I have created in my endeavor to help God out.

The end does not justify the means. That is a damnable philosophy that has been embraced many times by the church. Paul came down on that philosophy. "Let us do evil that good may come." "God forbid," Paul said. Damnable philosophy that I should do evil that good may come from it. That the end will justify the means. We are never justified in doing that which is wrong, that which is deceitful, that which is of the flesh in order to try to get the word of God glorified

Gen 27:21 Then Isaac said to Jacob (**pretending to be Esau**), "Please come near, that I may feel you (**touch and confirm your hairy skin**), my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not."

Gen 27:22 So Jacob (**pretending to be Esau**) went near to Isaac his father, and he(**his father**) felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

Gen 27:23 And he(**Isaac**) did not recognize him (**Jacob or Esau? but**), because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him (**thinking Jacob was Esau, Isaac proceeded to bless him**).

Gen 27:24 Then he(**Isaac**) said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He said (**Jacob responded, pretending to be Esau**), "I am." (**yes, I am Esau**)

Gen 27:25 He(**Isaac**) said, "Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's game, so that my soul may bless you." So he (**Jacob, pretending to be Esau**) brought it near to him, and he(**his father Isaac**) ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

Gen 27:26 Then his father Isaac said to him(**Jacob, pretending to be Esau**), "Come near now and kiss me, my son."

Gen 27:27 And he(**Jacob, pretending to be Esau**) came near and kissed him (**his father Isaac**); and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said: "Surely, the smell (**or aroma**) of my son (**Esau**), Is like the smell of a field, Which the LORD has blessed.

Gen 27:28 Therefore may God give you, the dew of heaven (**or sky, to water your crops and**), of the fatness (**richness, fertility**) of the earth, And plenty of grain and wine (**abundant harvests, crops and new wine**).

Gen 27:29 Let peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you. Be master (**lord**) over your brethren (**brothers**), And let your mother's sons, bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, And blessed be those who bless you!"(**Blessing to everyone who blesses you!**).

Heb 11:20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. Isaac's faith was demonstrated after his failure and he indeed blessed Jacob and Esau appropriately according to Gods will.

Deu 33:28 Then Israel shall dwell in safety, The fountain of Jacob alone, In a land of grain and new wine; His heavens shall also drop dew.

Deu 33:29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, The shield of your help, And the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, And you shall tread down their high places."

Correlation passage:

Gen 45:17 And Pharaoh said to Joseph,

Gen 45:18 'Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.

Gen 45:20 'Also do not be concerned about your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.' "

Deu 7:13 "And He(the LORD) will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

Gen 25:23 And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."

Gen 25:24 So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb.

God's promise to Abraham, in Gen 12:2-3, that he will be a blessing to all nations.

Gen 12:2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 27:30-40 Esau's Blessing (Heb 12:17)

Gen 27:30 Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob (**pretending to be Esau**), and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

Gen 27:31 He(**Esau**) also had made savory food (**delicious meal of wild game**), and brought it to his father, and said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's (**wild**) game, that your soul may bless me."

Gen 27:32 And his father, Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" So he(**Esau**) said, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau."

Gen 27:33 Then Isaac trembled exceedingly (**uncontrollably and violent trembling**), and said, "Who (**was the one who was just here**)? Where is the one who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it (**food**), before you came, and I have blessed him--and indeed he shall be blessed."

Isaac was overcome with uncontrollably and violent trembling and a deep sense that something had gone wrong in his plan to bless Esau instead of Jacob.

Gen 27:34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me--me also (**asking what about me**), O my father!"

Cross-reference: to help us understand the scripture and beware of bitterness

Heb 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Heb 12:15 looking carefully lest anyone **fall short of the grace of God**; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Heb 12:16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

Heb 12:17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, **though he sought it diligently with tears**.

Gen 27:35 But he(**Isaac his father**) said, "Your brother came with deceit (**deceitfully**), and has taken away your blessing (**which I wanted to give you**)."

Gen 27:36 And Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times (**Jacob the supplanter is a Hebrew idiom for one who takes advantage of, or deceives or cheats another? Jacob also sounds like the Hebrew words for "heel and deceiver"**). He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!" And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

Esau believes that Jacob has cheated him out of both his birthright (Gen 25:29–34) and his blessing, although Esau willingly forfeited his birthright to Jacob for a meal (Gen 25:33) which included a special blessing.

Gen 25:26 Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob (**supplanter, one who grabs by the heel, or one who protects**). Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

Gen 27:37 Then Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Indeed (Listen carefully) I have made him (**Jacob**) your master (**lord**), and all his brethren (**and relatives**) I have given to him, as servants; with (abundance of) grain and wine I have sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?"

Gen 27:38 And Esau said to his father, "Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me--me also, O my father!" And Esau lifted up his voice and wept (**loudly cried, unrestrained**).

Gen 27:39 Then Isaac his father answered (**prophetically with a blessing after all**) and said to him(**Esau**): "Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness (**fertility and richness**) of the earth, And of the dew of heaven from above (**water the ground**).

Esau many years later when he met Jacob again, he could say the blessed words I have enough, my brother (Genesis 33:9).

Gen 27:40 By your sword you shall live, And you shall serve your brother; And it shall come to pass, when you become restless (and break loose from your anger, revenge and hatred), That you shall break his yoke (or tear off his yoke) from your neck (and you will live freely, apart from him)."

This predicted that Esau and his descendants (the Edomite's) would become an aggressive people who secured their livelihoods and territory through nomadic warfare and fierce combat. Esau and his descendants would live as nomads in mostly wilderness lands.

You shall serve your brother (Jacob)": This confirmed that Jacob's descendants (the Israelites) would hold political dominion and superiority over Esau's lineage.

This highlights Esau personal application. It implies that true freedom for Esau would only come when he stopped letting bitterness, revenge and resentment toward his brother consume his identity.

Esau's descendants will settle outside the Promised Land, to the east of the Jordan River They will eventually control Seir, which is later named "Edom."

Genesis 27:41-46 Jacob Escapes from Esau

Gen 27:41 So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart (he began to scheme with his mind but also privately in is heart), "The days of mourning for my father, (at his death) are at hand (soon); then I will kill my brother Jacob."

Jacob is worried his brother Esau is coming

Gen 32:3 Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

Gen 32:4 And he commanded them, saying, "Speak thus to my lord Esau, 'Thus your servant Jacob says: "I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there until now.

Gen 32:5 "I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight." ' "

Gen 32:6 Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he also is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."

Gen 32:7 So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies.

Gen 32:8 And he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the other company which is left will escape."

Gen 32:9 Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you':

Gen 32:10 "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies.

Gen 32:11 "Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children.

Gen 27:42 And the words of Esau her older son (**first twin brother**), were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son (**second twin brother**), and said to him, "Surely your brother Esau comforts himself concerning you (**by planning to avenge himself**), by intending to kill you.

Gen 27:43 "Now therefore, my son, obey (**listen to**) my voice: arise, flee (**escape this danger, go quickly**) to my brother Laban, in Haran.

Gen 27:44 "And stay with him (**Laban my brother for**) a few days (**a while**), until your brother's fury turns away (**subsides**)

Gen 27:45 "until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets, what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereaved (**deprived**), (**lose**) also you both, all in one day?"

(**Rebekah contrary to what she said, would never see her son Jacob again. He was approximately fifty years old when he fled from Esau to Haran, and he stayed there at least twenty years**).

Gen 27:46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary (**tired of the battles**) of my life because of the daughters of Heth (**heathen women**); if Jacob takes a wife (**marries one**) of the daughters of Heth, like these, who are the daughters of the land (**locals**), what good will my life be to me?"

Quote from David Guzik's notes on Blue letter Bible

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| <p>i. "Rebekah's diplomatic victory was complete; but she would never see her son again."
(Kidner)</p> <p>ii. In this tragic story, everyone lost. Each of the main characters — Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, and Jacob — schemed and maneuvered in human wisdom and energy, rejecting God's word and wisdom. Nevertheless, God <u>still</u> accomplished His purpose. The tragedy was that each of the participants suffered, because they insisted on working against God's word and wisdom.</p> |
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