

Lesson 19 Genesis 27 - 28:9

Jacob Gets Isaac's Blessing

1. What weaknesses in Isaac's character which marred his life do we need to watch for today?
2. How did Isaac deceive Rebekah and Jacob before they deceived him?
3. In what way was Rebekah basically on God's side, while Isaac really worked against God?
4. What was wrong about the means Rebekah used to accomplish her end?
5. What verse implies that suddenly Isaac realized that he had been conspiring against God?
6. What were some of Esau's previous choices that lead to Esau's loss of the blessings of the first-born?
7. Did Esau recognize this or not? Were his tears those of regret or of repentance?
8. What points in Esau's disposition seem good until we begin to notice the main direction and emphasis of his life? What lesson do we learn from this?

9. *Challenge Question:* Read Hebrews 12:6-14 with Genesis 28:1-10. How did God chasten both Jacob and Rebekah for the wrong methods they used to obtain their desire?

Hebrews 12:6-14

6 for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges.”

7 Endure your trials as “discipline”; God treats you as sons. For what “son” is there whom his father does not discipline?c

8 If you are without discipline, in which all have shared, you are not sons but bastards.

9 Besides this, we have had our earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not [then] submit all the more to the Father of spirits and live?d

10 They disciplined us for a short time as seemed right to them, but he does so for our benefit, in order that we may share his holiness.

11 At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.e

12 So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.f

13 Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed.g
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14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for that holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Genesis 28:1-10

1 Isaac therefore summoned Jacob and blessed him, charging him: “You shall not marry a Canaanite woman!

2 Go now to Paddan-aram, to the home of your mother’s father Bethuel, and there choose a wife for yourself from among the daughters of Laban, your mother’s brother.

3 May God Almighty bless you and make you fertile, multiply you that you may become an assembly of peoples.

4 May God extend to you and your descendants the blessing of Abraham, so that you may gain possession of the land where you are residing, which he assigned to Abraham.”

5 Then Isaac sent Jacob on his way; he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, and brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

6 Esau noted that Isaac had blessed Jacob when he sent him to Paddan-aram to get himself a wife there, and that, as he gave him his blessing, he charged him, “You shall not marry a Canaanite woman,”

7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and gone to Paddan-aram.

8 Esau realized how displeasing the Canaanite women were to his father Isaac,

9 so Esau went to Ishmael, and in addition to the wives he had, married Mahalath, the daughter of Abraham’s son Ishmael and sister of Nebaioth.

10 Jacob departed from Beer-sheba and proceeded toward Haran.

10. Upon learning his father’s preference for a suitable mate, what does Esau do (28:8-9)? Does this solve the problem? Why or why not?