

GENESIS 27; January 27; Jacob Deceives His Father

ANALYSIS:

1. What thought on Isaac's mind seemed to have prompted him to want to give his son his blessing?

2. What fear caused Jacob to object to his mother's plan for him to steal Esau's blessing?

3. In what two matters did Rebekah say to Jacob, "Obey my voice?"

4. What are the two times Esau says Jacob supplanted him?

5. What are the main points of Isaac's blessing on Jacob?

on Esau? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Can you imagine his feelings of pain, disappointment, fear and shame as "Isaac trembled very exceedingly" (v 33) upon discovering his son Jacob had so cruelly deceived him?

Do you or I ever practice or allow deception, untruthfulness, insincerity or lying, even in the smallest degree or situation? We must cut this evil out of our lives so we never hurt a brother or sister! "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another" (Eph 4:25).

Jacob's mother promised to send for him after Esau's anger had cooled (v 45). The "few days" of separation (v 44) turned into 20 years; likely years of loneliness for Rebekah based on verse 46. While Isaac was living when Jacob returned, there is no mention of Rebekah again seeing the son she loved. The price of deception!

HELP:

1. "Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death" (v 2).

2. "I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing" (v 12).

3. Pretending to be Esau to get Isaac's blessing (v 8, 13), and flee to my brother Laban until thy brother's fury turn away (v 43).

4. Jacob took away my birthright, and my blessing (v 36).

5. God give thee (Jacob) of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine, let people serve thee, be lord over thy brethren, let thy mother's sons bow down to thee, cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee (vs 28-29). For Esau, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above, by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck (vs 39-40).