

## “Yes, And He Shall Be Blessed”

Genesis 27:1-28:9

### **THE BLESSING GOES TO ISAAC. Genesis 27:1-40**

#### **1. Isaac’s “deathbed” plan for the blessing. v.1-4**

- Isaac is getting older and is losing his eyesight. He has a sense that he’s nearing the end. v.2
- He summons Esau to go hunting and prepare him a savory supper to prepare him for the blessing.

#### **2. Rebekah’s plan to deceive Isaac. v.5-17**

- v.11: I am a “smooth” man (meaning one who is slippery or conniving). Ps 5:9; 55:21; Prov. 2:15, 7:5
- v.13: Let your curse be upon me... (!)

#### **3. Jacob’s plan to receive the blessing. v.18-29**

- Jacob actually implicates the LORD in his deceit. v.20
- Asked point blank by his father Isaac... Jacob lies! v.24
- The Blessing: Creation’s produce and abundance. v.28  
Prominence and priority over the nations and over his brothers. v.29a  
Those who curse you will be cursed; those who bless you will be blessed. v.29b; Ref. 12:3

#### **4. The agony of Isaac and Esau. v.30-40**

- Isaac’s response is physical. v.33
- Esau’s response is emotional. v.34-38

### **POSTLUDE: THE FALLOUT FROM THE FAMILY. Genesis 27:41-28:9**

#### **1. Hatred, division, and plans for murder. v.41**

#### **2. Fleeing, separation, and estrangement. v.42-45**

- Esau “comforts himself...by planning to kill” Jacob.
- Jacob flees for “a while” until things settle down – and he’s gone for 20+ years! (Ref. 31:41)
- Isaac, in fact, was not near death... he lives for many more years. Ref. 35:27-29
- Rebekah would never see her beloved Jacob again.
- Esau marries a 3<sup>rd</sup> wife! **Gen. 28:6-9**

### **APPLICATION**

#### **1. God’s sovereign plan to bless Jacob—and the nations—through the Promised One—Jesus Christ.**

- Nothing can thwart God’s plan. God did not need Rebekah’s help!
- God had and still has a plan to bless the descendants of Abraham (the Jewish people) and the nations of the world—through the Promised Offspring Jesus Christ.

#### **2. The blessing comes through the Blessed One and it is available to you through faith in Jesus Christ.**

- The struggles and relational struggles in which we find ourselves.

→ I want the blessing—for me or someone else (i.e., my child)! ‘Bless’ or ‘blessing’ 23 x’s in this chapter

- Let God’s voice be first in your life...
- Consider Esau’s sorrow... Esau wanted the blessings – but not the Blessed One.

-2 Cor 7:10: For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

-Hebrews 12:15-17: See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup> that there be no sexually immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup> For you know that even afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

→ Come under the Lordship of the King of Blessing. Ref. Psalm 73:25-26; Isaiah 45:22

(Next week’s text: Genesis 28:10-22)