

(Genesis) Genesis 27:1-4

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The sermon explores the theme of Genesis 27:1-4, where Jacob and Rebekah connive to get the blessing of Isaac for Jacob, highlighting the consequences of Jacob's sin and the weakness of the flesh in Isaac.

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Scripture: Genesis 25:23, Genesis 27:1, Genesis 27:15, Genesis 27:41, Matthew 6:33

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on the 27th chapter of the book of Genesis. The main theme of the chapter is Jacob and Rebecca's plan to deceive Isaac in order to obtain the blessing intended for Esau. The preacher emphasizes that Jacob's actions were not supported by God and were based on fraud and deceit. The sermon also highlights the strife within the family, similar to the previous conflicts in the family of Abraham. The preacher concludes by mentioning that God will deal with Jacob's sin in a just manner.

Transcript

Now, today, friends, our study brings us to the 27th chapter of the book of Genesis, and if you have your Bible, and we'll turn there, it'll make it more meaningful to you, and if you use our notes and follow along with them. Now, this chapter has as its theme Jacob and Rebekah conniving to get the blessing of Isaac for Jacob, which blessing old Isaac intended for Esau. But you see, Jacob wanted the blessing of his father, and he knew God had promised his mother that the elder would serve the younger, and the blessing was his already.

He did not believe God, Rebekah's mother did not believe God, and evidently Isaac, the father, didn't believe God. He would never have attempted to bypass Jacob and to give the blessing to Esau. He followed his feelings and appetite in contradiction to the distinct word of God.

The method of Jacob in obtaining this birthright, it cannot be supported on any grounds whatsoever. He used fraud and deceit. His conduct is despicable.

You can't condone him at all anymore, and you could condone the conduct of Sarah and Abraham in the matter of Hagar and Ishmael. God could not use the trickery and cleverness of Jacob. And we're going to see that God deals with this man in a very definite way.

He's going to pay Jacob for his sin in the same coin in which he sinned. And you will note that as we get now into this chapter here. That gives us a preliminary that will enable us to understand.

Now, last time we concluded in chapter 26 by saying that Esau was about 40 years old, and he took to wife Hittite, and it was a great grief to Isaac and Rebekah for him to do that. And now they recognize that if Jacob is not to marry Hittite or Philistine, that he must be sent down just as Isaac got a bride from the family of Abraham, that is, from the same spot. Now will you notice chapter 27, verse 1. It came to pass that when Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son and said unto him, My son, and he said unto him, Behold, here am I. And he said, Behold, now I am old.

I know not the day of my death. Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver, and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison, and make me savory meat such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless thee before I die. Now this man Isaac, we've already seen, he was an outstanding man, a great man.

He's no weakling by any means because we saw in the last chapter that Abimelech and the Philistines, they wanted to make a treaty with him because they feared him and he was that type of a man. That is, he was an outstanding man of that day, very prominent. Now he reveals here, though, that weakness of the flesh.

All during his life, this boy Esau, and Esau was his favorite, and Jacob was the favorite of Rebekah, and Esau was the outdoor boy, and he'd go out and he'd bring in a deer or some animal and he'd fix it, barbecue it for his father, and the old man enjoyed it. And now he's old, and he wants to bless the boy. Now he knows God has said the older will serve the younger, but he bypasses that because he wants to bless the boy.

And he says, now go out and bring me in something and I'll bless you because of it. My, what a revelation this is of this family. And if you notice the strife that's in the family since we have come into this last major section of Genesis, there was strife in the family of Abraham because of Hagar.

There's strife now in this family, these twins.

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