

# (Genesis) Genesis 27:30-41

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*The story of Esau and Jacob highlights the consequences of deception and the importance of righteousness.*

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**Topics:** "Genesis"

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on the story of Esau and Jacob from the Bible. Esau, the older brother, is filled with anger and hatred towards Jacob because he feels that Jacob has taken away his birthright and blessing. Esau even plans to kill Jacob once their father, Isaac, passes away. However, when Isaac realizes what has happened, he cannot reverse the blessing and tells Esau that Jacob will be his lord. Esau is devastated and pleads with his father for a blessing, but Isaac tells him that he has already blessed Jacob. The preacher also shares a personal anecdote about a venison dinner to illustrate that venison tastes similar to goat or lamb.

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## Transcript

Now, let me read verse 30. And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that he saw his brother came in from his hunting, and he also had made savory meat, brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn.

Esau and Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who, where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me? And I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him, yea, and he shall be blessed. And somebody says, Well, does venison taste like goat or lamb? It sure does. I remember several years ago that when I was pastor in Pasadena, that one of the officers there, he and I went deer hunting up in Utah, and we got a deer, but it wasn't enough to feed the congregation.

We invited them in for a venison dinner, and it was just a time of good, wholesome fellowship, and we had a lot of fun. But we didn't have enough to go around, so we got two lamb legs, and that was cooked also. And nobody could tell the difference.

Everybody said the venison is good. It tastes very much alike. Now, Isaac really sees he's been taken in.

And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, my father. And he said, Thy brother came with subtlety, and hath taken away thy blessing. And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? And he was a usurper.

For he hath supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he's taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy Lord.

And all his brethren have I given to him for servants. And with corn and wine have I sustained him. And what shall I do now unto thee, my son? And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father.

Bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above.

And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother. It shall come to pass, when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck. And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him.

And Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand. Then will I slay my brother Jacob. In other words, my father's old.

He won't live very much longer. And just soon as my father dies, I'll kill Jacob. I'll get rid of him.

And that was the thought in the heart of Esau.

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