

(Genesis) Genesis 27:5-17

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The story of Jacob and Esau highlights the dangers of deception and the importance of honesty and transparency in our relationships.

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Scripture: Genesis 27:5-29

Topics: "Genesis"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the deceitful actions of Rebekah towards her husband Isaac. Rebekah overhears Isaac instructing their son Esau to bring him venison so that he can bless him before his death. Rebekah, wanting Jacob to receive the blessing instead, devises a plan to deceive Isaac. She instructs Jacob to bring her two goats, which she then prepares as a savory meal for Isaac. She also dresses Jacob in Esau's clothing and covers his hands and neck with goat skins to make him appear hairy like Esau. Despite the deceitful nature of Rebekah's plan, the preacher emphasizes that God does not condone such actions.

Transcript

Now, will you notice, Rebekah overheard that, and Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau's son. And Esau went into the field to hunt for venison and to bring it. And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, Bring me venison, make me savory meat that I may eat, and bless thee before the Lord before my death.

Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. Now, this is the plot and plan of Rebekah. And it's deceit, it's absolutely trickery, and it cannot be condoned on any basis whatsoever.

And God's recording it as history, not that He condones it. He condemns it, and we're going to see that. You remember the things that are being done here, and you'll see chickens come home to roost for Jacob.

Now she says to him, You obey me, you go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats, and I will make them savory meat for thy father, such as he love it. And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death. And Jacob said to Rebekah's mother, Behold, Esau my brother's a hairy man, and I'm a smooth man.

Now, he was not only an outdoor man, red man, but he was a hairy man. He was, I would think, the first hippie that there was. He grew hair everywhere, and I'm a smooth man.

My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver. Not only seem a deceiver, he is a deceiver. And I shall bring a curse upon me and not a blessing.

And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son. Only obey my voice, and go fetch me them. And he went and fetched, and brought them to his mother.

And his mother made savory meat, such as his father loved. And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, put upon Jacob her younger son, and she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hand, and upon the smooth of his neck. And she gave the savory meat and the bread which she'd prepared under the hand of her son Jacob.

And friends, I can't help but comment on this. Now, she put the skin of the kid of the goat on the back of his neck and on the back of his hand, so when his father'd feel him, why, you'd think that it was Esau. Not only did he feel him.

Friends, you couldn't help but smell him. And I want to say that apparently the deodorant that Esau was using was not very potent at all. Fact of the matter is, I think he's like the whimsical story I heard about two men working in a very tight place, and one of them finally said to the other, and he says, I think that the deodorant of one of us has quit working.

And the other fellow says, must be you, because I don't use any. And friends, I don't think that Esau used any, and I'm not sure that he had a shower very often. This man not only felt hairy, but he smelt like a hippie too, by the way.

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