

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What was Isaac's desire? Was it a wrong desire?
2. In view of God's promises concerning Jacob, was Rebekah justified in the thing she did?
3. Can Jacob be justified in his speaking lies?
4. Not all despair is without remedy. How can we minister to those in despair?

SUMMARY:

Isaac's desire to bless Esau his oldest son was according to custom, but should not have been granted to Esau because of God's special pronouncement concerning the twins and because of Esau's profanity in selling the birthright. (Genesis 25:23 and Hebrews 12:16) Jacob's deceit and lying was never justified because he should have trusted God to work out the problem in His way. Instead, this first lie led to another and another and the practice of deceit brought similar return deceiving into Jacob's life. Later his deceit "returned to him." Truly it was a high price to pay for going ahead of God.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

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Second Quarter

JACOB WRONGS HIS BROTHER

LESSON TEXT: *Genesis 27:1-40*

LESSON SETTING: Isaac blessing his son, Jacob, in Canaan.

TIME: Approximately 1760 B.C.

I. THE DESIRE OF ISAAC. Genesis 27:1-4

- A. Future Unknown. (vs. 2) Proverbs 27:1; Ecclesiastes 9:12
- B. Self-indulgence (vs. 4) Numbers 11:5; Ecclesiastes 6:7; Isaiah 29:8

II. THE DECEIT OF REBEKAH. Genesis 27:5-17

- A. Craftiness (vs. 15-17) Luke 20:23; Ephesians 4:14
- B. The Way of Men. Genesis 11:6; Psalm 94:11

III. THE DECEPTION OF JACOB. Genesis 27:18-29

- A. Deceit (vs. 19-20) 1 Kings 13:18; Jeremiah 9:5-6
- B. Lying (vs. 24) Proverbs 12:22; 21:6; Colossians 3:9

IV. THE DESPAIR OF ISAAC. Genesis 27:30-33

- A. Deceit Realized. (vs. 33) Genesis 29:25
- B. The Blessing Remains (vs. 33) Genesis 28:1-6

V. THE DESPAIR OF ESAU. Genesis 27:34-40

- A. Bitterness. (vs. 34-36) Hebrews 12:15; Luke 22:62
- B. Grief. (vs. 38) Galatians 6:7; Hebrews 12:17

GOLDEN TEXT: *HE THAT TELLETH LIES SHALL NOT TARRY IN MY SIGHT.* Psalm 101:7

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Genesis 27:41 through 28:22
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

QUARTERLY THEME: The Patriarchs

TOPIC: JACOB MEETS GOD AT BETHEL

INTRODUCTION:

God in His Word is exceedingly truthful concerning the lives of men He has used in His service. Here in our lesson the picture which He paints of two men is not a complimentary one. One man, Esau, was legally entitled to the birthright, but he thought so little of this privilege and responsibility that he sold it for a bowl of soup. The other, with the help of his mother, used devious means to obtain the birthright of his brother. The trick worked and Jacob obtained from his father the birthright and blessing which was to have been Esau's.

When Jacob was sent, again as a result of his mother's design, to the land of his people to obtain a wife, Isaac knowingly blessed Jacob. It was on this journey that God touched Jacob through a dream. God spoke to him and made promises which must have been a real comfort to Jacob. How this encounter with God must have caused Jacob to search his heart. We cannot help but wonder what promises Jacob made to himself. When Jacob awoke in the morning he acknowledged God and here made an altar and worshipped God.

Each of us today needs to ask himself, "Can God reach me and will I acknowledge Him?" God chose to use men to accomplish His purpose here on earth. Many are the blessings which are ours if we will but let Him use us.

CENTRAL TRUTH: God's blessings will follow those who make Christ Lord of their lives.

GOLDEN TEXT: *BEHOLD, I AM WITH THEE, AND WILL KEEP THEE.* Genesis 28:15

These words must have been very comforting to Jacob. He had been literally forced to leave his loved ones when to stay would have probably meant attempts on his life. He probably had little in the way of earthly goods or he would not have been forced to work seven years and then another seven years for the woman he wanted for his wife. He was going into a strange country among strange people and he must have wondered what lay ahead of him.

Truly it must have been a comfort to know God was here, too, and cared for him. In the following years Jacob must have thought often of the promises God made to him that night in the wilderness.

God also has some promises for us. He promises to lead us and to provide for us the means of walking with Him here on earth and of spending eternity with Him in heaven.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 26 – May 2

- M. *Isaac Sends Jacob to Laban. Genesis 28:1-7
- T. *Jacob Meets God at Bethel. Genesis 28:10-22
- W. Jacob Arrives at Haran. Genesis 29:1-9
- T. Jacob Meets Laban's Daughters. Genesis 29:10-17
- F. Laban Deceives Jacob. Genesis 29:18-25
- S. The Believer in the Lord. Psalm 37:1-9
- S. The Lord Upholds the Righteous. Psalm 37:10-17

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