

Passing on the Blessing

Genesis 26:34-28:9

Esau's pagan wives - Genesis 26:34-35; 28:6-9

Precept: When two people marry they marry into two separate families and those families can be blessed or they can be troubled and everything in between.

Jacob's wicked deception - Genesis 27:1-40

The Nature of a Blessing

Genesis 27:26-29

First, a blessing is verbal, it is spoken by the one who seeks to bless.

Second, for some a blessing is surrounded by meaningful physical contact.

Third, a blessing projects a blessed and promising future.

Fourth, words should be backed up with actions and consistent commitment.

Concept: This particular blessing is 'different' than the blessing that we bestow on our children and others. This is the work of God that began in Genesis 12 and was spoken to Abraham and is now being passed on from Isaac to God's chosen child.

Esau's seething hatred - Genesis 27:41-45

Jacobs' calculated escape - Genesis 27:46-28:5

Esau's third marriage - Genesis 28:6-9

Conclusion: The problem we face is that none of these characters are really honorable and for different reasons—all we can conclude is that God has a purpose. Our only hope is that God is not finished with Jacob.

Favoritism tore this family apart and we should see that for what it can become; therefore; resist the tendency to favor one child over another and work with God to give each child the care and positive blessing that they need to spiritually prosper. As parents our goal is to be the voice of God to our children.

Esau cursed his future with a poor decision and that's on him. Just because God did not have Esau in line for the blessing did not give him the option of disobeying his parents and making foolish choices. (Hebrews 11:20; 12:17)