

Genesis: God and Man

## Who are you, my son?

Genesis 27

### Previously

- Jacob and Esau at odds over a birthright and a bowl of stew
- Isaac redigging wells, seeking peace in the land
  
- What do you desire most in life?
- Has it come to pass?
- Do you think it'll come to pass?
- What would it take for it to be real?
- When it comes to decisions, trust, the way you live your life, do you rely on the flesh or the spirit?

I think we'd all want to say the Spirit...but maybe if we're honest, it wouldn't be as much as we'd like.

## 27:1-14

**Isaac old, definitely had poor or no vision**

*DGC i. Isaac was old, but perhaps not near death. Martin Luther calculated Isaac's age to be 137 at this point; he lived to be 180. Isaac lived 43 more years.*

**Isaac and Rebekah were both still carnal:**

**They had spiritual desires and beliefs, but they carried out their lives in and by the flesh.**

**They valued fleshly power...yet they had grief of mind when their son Esau brought home wordly wives.**

*Lot grieved by the sin around him, yet his life was dominated by the flesh*

**Isaac couldn't taste the difference.**

Maybe he was old and couldn't taste well, perhaps Esau wasn't the best cook so it didn't matter what the food was, he was just more enthralled with the ways of his son that it tasted good to him.

Home cooking, comfort food? The way to a man's heart is through his stomach, right?

**V12 I shall seem a deceiver to him...even Jacob wasn't comfortable totally with this deception, but his mom comforts him with her words and promise**

**Let your curse be upon me**

We don't really see this happening later though...she won't take the brunt of Esau's rage

**Maybe Rebekah was always the cook...or she could easily make whatever Esau could make (my cooking skills...)**

*DGC Her good intentions did not justify this self-centered approach.*

**:15-23**

**Why did she have his choice clothes? Was Esau still letting his mommy do his laundry?**

At 40+ with two wives...

**Used the skins of the animals they prepared for dinner**

**Rebekah really is the mastermind here.**

**Jacob the deceiver had a mother...and she certainly knew how to be deceptive.**

V18 it doesn't say he disguised his voice, but perhaps he tried

**Right away Isaac was suspicious**

**"Who are you, my son?"**

**The word is just BEN for son**

**Son?**

**Here's Jacob living up to his namesake...the culmination of all those years, desires and fleshly actions by his mom, dad, him and his brother...**

**Isaac doubts**, how'd you hunt, skin, prepare, cook, and bring it here so quickly?

**V20 Jacob takes God's name in vain..."because the LORD Your God brought it to me"**

**It's one thing to tell a lie, it's another thing to use God's name in vain to try and get the blessing.**

***The prayer letter...I KNEW I RECEIVED IT FOR A REASON***

**Total disregard for all things holy in order to get the blessing.**

**Real deception has its roots in the word of God.**

Satan in the garden, the scripture all over this letter...

**We must have a firm grasp of the word of God  
and live in the power of the Holy Spirit  
to have a chance against deception**

**So many of us know enough of the word of God to get us out of hell  
but not enough to keep us from living in it**

**Others of us know so much of it but have left the influence of the Holy Spirit  
that we're not properly giving it out**

**Others know just a little bit and use it as an excuse for their lifestyle,** "The bible says not to judge!" Well, do you know that there are two judgments being spoken about in the bible? Judgment of right and wrong, discernment, and judgment to condemnation as the final act of judgment. We're not to do the final act of judgment and write someone off for good, but we certainly can make a judgment call on whether something is right or wrong and express that judgment...in love.

**The truth shall set you free**

**Jhn 8:31-32 NKJV - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

**Isaac still doesn't believe it!**

**Even if he was disguising his voice, Esau knew it was Jacob.**

*When I call my mom she's never sure if it's me or my brother until I tell her. Although I don't think our voices are that similar, I do hear some similarity. Maybe I should try and trick her some time? :-)*

**It was the hairy hands that convinced Isaac. Hands covered in goat gloves.  
They couldn't have been made that well, they couldn't have been too convincing.  
But dead goat skin with coarse goat hair convinced Isaac it was Esau.**

*I'm not one for mani-pedi's, but if someone can give a goat a handshake and think it's you, you probably need one.*

**Isaac was falling for this quite-obvious rouse because he was living  
in the shadow of his own deceit.**

He didn't think anyone knew about his plan to bless Esau this day so how could this not be Esau?

### **V23 SO HE BLESSED HIM**

**The boxes were checked, it seems like Esau, but only barely so**

You'd think wisdom would dictate that perhaps another day would be better. Perhaps get the whole family together for this occasion. That would be proof.

**Why would Isaac bless Esau in private? In secret? Without telling Rebekah or Jacob?**

There was definitely a deep family divide and contention at this point. Even if it was just under the surface, like Jacob's hand under goat skin, this family was not acting like a family of faith, but a family of the flesh.

## **:24-29**

**Still not convinced...but still open to the deception**

Deception is powerful and it usually gains a foothold because we give ourselves over to it. We want to believe even though nothing is adding up.

**That's the difference between deception and faith...**

**faith** has real evidence, but isn't always what we want to hear.

**Deception** has weak or no evidence and it tells us what we want to hear.

**Isaac ate and drank first before the blessing...you'd think they'd want to eat together,  
have a nice meal to celebrate the blessing...like a wedding. But nope, Isaac is hungry.**

**Lemme eat first, son.**

**One last check, yup, it smells like Esau**

*Everyone's got their own smell, Jim talking about kid's smells*

*I remember my brother's room always smelled like him*

**The smell of a field that the Lord has blessed.**

It is true, there is nothing like the smell of the outdoors on a nice day.  
I'm sure his clothes didn't smell like that...there was no right guard deoderant

Prays for plenty of food and wine  
Nations serve you  
Master over your brethren...  
Mother's sons bow down to you

**This is quite the blessing...**I can't imagine having my parents bless my brother and expecting me to bow down to him. I respect him, but he's not my master.

**Again a bit of a highlight of the favoritism, but God was using it.**

It was ultimately what would be for the messiah  
through the nation to come through Jacob's 12 sons

**:29 cursed be everyone who curses and blessed everyone who blesses**

I believe this still is in effect for those who bless or curse Israel  
We're blessed as a nation, in part, because we care for Israel. However, that care has waned considerably in the past decade. Anti-semitism is on the rise while support for Islamic countries is on the rise.

Nazi Germany was downright evil, but what sealed their defeat was their persecution of the Jewish people. Their intense focus on hatred of God's people.

**Rom 11:17-18 NKJV - And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, [remember that] you do not support the root, but the root [supports] you.**

**The same will go to those who persecute Christians.** Communism's ultimate end will be in large part to their systematic denying of God and persecution of his people in favor of the religion of government. The same with atheism, progressive political correctness, etc.

**:30-41**

**The timing here is impeccable. *It really didn't take Esau long to find game and bring it home. Interesting given what Jacob says about God blessing him.***

The fleshly ways of doing things usually end up this way...you rush in the flesh and finish what the flesh desires and it's just then you realize that the spiritual answer was right outside.

I'm not saying Esau was the intended spiritual blessing, but the acts of the flesh always rush in to steal the spiritual and usually it's right before the spiritual answer from God comes.

**They say the same words to their dad...arise, eat!**

**Act 10:13 NKJV - And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."**

**Isaac trembled exceedingly. This DEFINITELY was Esau. No doubt about it.**

**"I have blessed him and indeed he shall be blessed"**

That was it. This blessing was final. And it was on the person they didn't intend it.

**V34 he cried and wept bless me father!**

**If only he had been more protective of his birthright** and cried and wept over his spiritual condition earlier

So concerned about the physical blessing now that he could care less about when he was hungry a few chapters ago...remember, it was a bowl of vegetarian soup

**V35 your brother has come with deceit and taken away your blessing**

**Jhn 10:10 NKJV - "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have [it] more abundantly."**

**V36 is he not rightly named Jacob?**

You can see the anger and bitterness rising up. He has supplanted me these two times. I think Isaac knew about the first incident

**Break his yoke...he wouldn't forever serve him**

**Esau hated Jacob. Brothers completely divided over this.**

**Twins**, who shared a womb, now at murderous odds with each other. The end result of the ways of the flesh, deception, and greed.

**Pro 18:19 NKJV - A brother offended [is harder to win] than a strong city, And contentions [are] like the bars of a castle.**

He would wait until after his dad died, after the funeral, when the mourning time was over. Then he planned to kill his brother. Full-on, premeditated, in cold blood, murder.

This probably wouldn't be a hard thing to do. Esau was a strong hunter, Jacob more of a milder type.

**Interesting that Esau's rage is directed solely at his brother, even though his mom is the mastermind.**

## **:42-46**

Someone heard Esau's wailing and vowing to kill his brother, maybe a servant, and they told Rebekah. Interesting she was not near enough to hear now. Isaac and her must have been off somewhere getting rid of the evidence

**Esau comforts himself with the thought of murder**

**Romans 12:19 / Deut 32:35 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,"[fn] says the Lord.**

**My son, obey my voice...again  
Wasn't his curse supposed to be on her?**

She tells him to run away. Shouldn't he have run away during the time of mourning? Why now?  
**Isaac wasn't dead yet.**

**STAY WITH HIM A FEW DAYS. it turns out to be decades  
Did she really think this was just a temper tantrum?**

Esau must have been an angry man and this was the usual. Maybe he threatened to kill his brother before...or at least got angry with him.

**But this time it would not cool down after a few days.**

**FORGETS WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO HIM?**

This birthright, this blessing was SO important...how would he forget it? They certainly were wrapped up in the importance of it!

**I think she's hoping that Jacob will find a wife now in Laban's land. Not from the group of girls Esau was known to associate with.**

Jacob's got the blessing, now let me make him a match.

**What good would my life be to me?**

I'd have failed as a mother if he marries the wrong girl.

She seems a bit overdramatic. While it's important, she seems like quite the dramatic lady.

Perhaps where Esau's extreme emotional outbursts come from. Maybe her son Esau was more like her than she wanted to admit.

*DG Commentary ii. In this tragic story, everyone lost. Each of the man characters – Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, and Jacob – schemed and maneuvered in human wisdom and energy, rejecting God's word and wisdom. God still accomplished His purpose, yet each of the participants suffered because of they insisted on working against God's word and wisdom.*

**We'll see next chapter that he doesn't run away right this second...**

Don't be deceived. Be submitted to the word of God.

Don't try to work things out in the flesh, they always end up in pain and tragedy.

Don't let the thought of death rush you to make decisions or do things you otherwise wouldn't.

Seek the Lord for the answers and fulfillment.

If your family has been rocked by deceitfulness, heal it through prayer and truth.