

Genesis 25.27-34

Thinking with your Stomach

In JUST One MOMENT when Caught OFF-Guard can END YOUR Career
 Politician: 100's Great Speeches, Curses into a Secret Open Mic - End Career
 Leader, Pastor, Teacher > Exciting NIGHT of Sexual Sin – Future is TOAST!
 Bible Writers: OFTEN see Secret Places, Just that Moment, See REAL Person

Disguised King Saul: made ILLEGAL Visit to Witch at ENDOR: TMZ Israel
 Nicodemus, Leading Pharisee, Teacher of Israel: Nightly meeting with Upstart
 Miracle-Working Teacher Jesus of Nazareth: John the Evangelist sent it Viral
 Potiphar's Wife tried pressure Handsome Joseph to Bed: Paparazzi Running!

Strange Story: PRINCELINGS Esau & Isaac – Grandsons PATRIARCH Abe
 Probably in OUTSTATION Camp among Vast Grazing Herds of Father Isaac
 Jacob Mama's Boy, Surely Not CHIEF COOK Isaac's whole Bedouin Camp

RANDOM Moment BROTHERLY Conflict – Could have been Blair Home

NO Small Moments to God – Not all in Bible, ALL Seen & Significant

No creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of
 him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4.13

Final Day: Books OPENED, Skeletons OUT Closet, Dirty LAUNDRY Hung Out

1. Birthright of Blessing - v. 31 “Sell me your *birthright* now.”

Perhaps some of MANY NATIONS in BICF still have this Cultural Practice

Vital in BIBLE History > God calls ISRAEL His FIRSTBORN Son...

The LORD said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt...you shall say to
 Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, *Israel is my firstborn son*, and I say to you, “Let
 my son go that he may serve me.” If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill
 your firstborn son.” Exodus 4.21-23

Stubborn Pharaoh brought WEEPING Across Egypt: God Kept THIS PROMISE

a. Line - Impt EVERY Family in Ancient Near East: LEGAL HEIR of Family
Belongs NORMALLY & NATURALLY to FIRSTBORN Son

STRANGE Customs to Us – Original Hearers Genesis SHOCKED @ Esau!

HOW dare a SON show such DISRESPECT for FATHER & FAMILY!

We now KNOW that LINE was to CONTINUE 2000 yrs to Jesus of Nazareth

PROMISE to Grandfather Abe / FULFILLED in Birth of SAVIOR of World

b. Loot - on the day when he assigns his possessions as an inheritance to his sons...he shall acknowledge the firstborn...by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the firstfruits of his strength. Deuteronomy 21,16,17

Law of Moses – Hundreds of Years AFTER this Event – CODIFIED Pattern

FIRSTBORN got MORE of Family WEALTH – here: DOUBLE PORTION

Reason OLDER Bro Lk 15 - Not want PARTY w/ Younger Prodigal came Home

Ring, Sandals, Robe, Fattened Calf ALL Taken OUT of HIS SHARE Inheritance

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of *his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.* Romans 8.29

ALL the LOOT of Heaven & Earth > WON by Elder, Firstborn, Brother JESUS

We enjoy “every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” by Faith in HIM

c. Leadership – FIRSTBORN appointed HEAD of the Family

TAKE Care YOUNGER SIBLINGS if Parents GONE – **WHY** Double Portion

Picture of Christ “Firstborn among many brethren” > RESPONSIBILITY

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1.15-17

NOT = Mere Human / STATUS not His SUBSTANCE / Fully MAN & GOD

2. Bad Boys Bargain

GIFT Given but not WISELY STEWARDED > Blessing, Broke them Apart

Isaac SLIPPED from Stature of FAITH – NOBLE Praying for 20 years

vs. 27,28 When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

PARENTS Favored the Child that MET their OWN Needs

LOVE of Both PARENTS Driven by SELF-INDULGENCE

What message, signals, do we send our kids?

IMPOSING Your WILL / CAREER on Kids – Sports, Studies, Social Standing

NEITHER Bro Show Themselves as NOBLE Potential Leaders

a. Ungodly Sinner – JACOB not yet Ready pose STAIN-GLASSED Window

1) Bad Bending

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22.6

MISUNDERSTOOD Verse: FREE PASS – If Xtian, your Kids will be Xtian!

NOT that Simple: OFTEN the Case – NOT ALWAYS! Painful Reality for Some

“TRAIN” Heb. Word BENDING Young Tree, Like BONSAI – How you’re Bent

Things PARENTS Did, Never Liked / NOW We’re doing some SAME THINGS

Look Forward SEE some YOUR Worst Traits > In your OWN CHILDREN!

v. 28 Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Parental DYSFUNCTION > Reproduced in SONS with their own BAGGAGE

The conniving younger brother through hardfisted business practices inveigles the birthright away from the older brother. The contrasting natures of the twins – the younger, a cultured pastoralist with an immature faith; the older, a coarse hunter without faith – and parental favoritisms polarize the parents.

Bruce Waltke

2) Satan's Shortcut

BROTHERS Knew PLAN & PROMISE of God > ROYAL Family of FAITH

Abe was ALIVE until Boys were Age 15 – Would have taught them PROMISES

Grandpa ABE put Boys on KNEE – Told them of GOD – Walked w/ 100 yrs

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!...things that we have heard and known... We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. Psalm 78.1-4

Probably HONESTLY Confessed Shortcuts: Hagar, Lying about Wife 2 X's

KNEW PROPHECY - v. 23 “the older shall serve the younger”

JACOB & Esau's BOTH Show IMMATURITY > “Sell me your birthright...”

God who MADE Promise, NOT NEED our Sinful Short-cut to MAKE it Happen

JACOB: Mama's Boy, Bent like Mama, Helps himself & God to become FIRST

JACOB laid a TRAP for his PREDICTABLE OLDER Brother ESAU

Not sure HOW OLD were this Point – MEN – Esau ACTS Normal Teenage Boy

Jacob knew Bro > EITHER STARVING or SLEEPING – Comes in HUNGRY!!

Father ISAAC Wealthy – Lots of FOOD OPTIONS – Dying!! an Exaggeration!

Jacob takes ADVANTAGE – Impatient, Impulsive, Unthinking, Coarse, Brother

Jacob GETS what God Promised was his, DISHONORED God by DECEPTION

b. Godless Sinner Jacob enuf Religion, Care about Promise of God – for him!

v. 32 Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?”

1) Lives for the Moment His APPETITE robbed him of WISDOM

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“Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” 1 Corinthians 15.32

Responsibility First-Born – Promises on him, Leads in Worship, Head of Family

Esau SCORNE^d God of Abe, DESPISE^d Christ and His Salvation

He REJECTS All BLESSINGS in Life: Home, Family, Church, Fellowship

ALL LOST in Moment of Self-Gratification: BOWL of STEW, Very Expensive

2) Swears with an Oath v. 33 So he swore...and sold his birthright to Jacob.

...the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” Mark 14.70,71

DEFIANT, STUBBORN, WILLFUL SIN > Unforgivable in Old Covenant

Warning Heb. 12 > Do not FOLLOW Esau > Watch OUT for Root of Bitterness

Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the LORD our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.’ This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike. The LORD will not be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and the curses written in this book will settle upon him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven. Deuteronomy 29.18-20

IDOLATOR in the Israelite Camp > HEART turns Away from the Lord

ROOT bearing Bitter, Poisonous Fruit > Not ACCIDENT, Pre-Meditated PLAN

U Plan: SPEND TIME in Front of MIRROR Preparing Self for NIGHT of SIN

WORDS of Covenant on LIPS of Person, but NOT in their HEART

Hypocrisy and Apostasy > DANGEROUS Poison, Spread Defilement to Nation

DESPISE the Promises > FORFEIT the Blessings

PHYSICAL APPETITES were More IMPORTANT than Spiritual Privileges

Esau “I am going to die, anyway, any time, I am a hunter, I take risks, FATE!”

He lives for the HERE & NOW – Not trusting in UNSEEN, Spiritual WORLD

v. 33 OATH “I AM an Unbeliever...No Respect/Fear of God...No Future Hope”

3) Despised the God of Blessing lit. “Feed Me! Let me GULP DOWN!”

v. 34 ...he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

STRIKING Sequence: 5 Straight Verbs > Ate, Drank, Got Up, Left, Despised

OVER-REACHES – Words without THINKING – Extremely CARELESS

If he so lightly esteems his material birthright, what reason is there to believe that he will value a covenant birthright? John H. Walton

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.
Hebrews 12.15,16

It was unbelief in the divine promise to his house, not mere sensuality, that led Esau to the irrevocable step of bartering away his birthright. No later repentance was able to undo that act. W. Manson

3. Blow Off your Blessings!

a. No Savior Surely Grandpa Abe told Twins – God is Faithful, God is Savior, Amazing PROMISE would have Passed down by Word of Mouth to Them...

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” Genesis 3.15

Trust Him! – Mysterious Promises, Hard to Explain or Comprehend

Faithful Family NOT be Slapped Around by CUNNING Serpent Forever

God will Separate Devil & His Seed from those who LOOK to Wounded Savior

ESAU says he wants to JOIN the Dark Side – Happily Remains Seed of Serpent

And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” Genesis 22.13,14

Gramp Abe Not NEED Kill DAD ISAAC, Jehovah Jireh will Provide Savior

Abe LIFTED Up his Eyes BEYOND Isaac & Ram > To the SAVIOR Himself

Jesus to sons of Abraham: “Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” John 8.56

ESAU Not GLAD – Jews who heard Jesus Not GLAD – Tried to Stone Jesus!

b. No Scripture

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly...Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations...And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.” Genesis 17.1-8

ESAU blew ALL THIS OFF – No God, No Salvation, No Scripture, Let me Eat!

The most precious thing this world affords, the precious thing that this world knows, God’s living Word. (*If vote YES! Somebody must tell to ENGLISH!*)

Moderator of the Church of Scotland to Newly Coronated Monarch

We ENGLISH Speakers will have MUCH to Answer for Judgment DAY

1000’s Tribes NO Word of Scripture – Almost 1000 Versions of English Bibles

Translations – Literal, Dynamic Equivalent, Paraphrase, Pixels and PAPER!

c. No Solidarity – Abe Fellowship Strong, Loyal, Brothers in Faith w/ Families

When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit... Genesis 14.14

Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, Genesis 14.18,19

WHERE Come from? Where did he GO? Who is his family? Kids? Followers?

Mysterious Figures of OT – See Blessing of Fellowship – Solidarity in FAITH
 1 thing for SURE > Whoever Mel. Might've had – Esau NOT Want to be Near
 Esau more LIKE GREAT UNCLE Lot > Called by SIREN Song into SODOM
 ESAU does NOT have the Responsibility/Maturity to INHERIT Promise
 and THEN Faithfully PASS it on to his CHILDREN

DESCENDENTS are NAMED “RED” – RED Meat Exchanged for Birthright

These are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom). Genesis 36.1 “EDOM”=RED

If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. 1 Corinthians 15.32-34

How Foolish to IGNORE the IRREFUTABLE FACT of History: Jesus Rose!

Living Savior GAME CHANGER – All He said VALIDATED to be TRUTH

Run from God, Love, Word, People > Now RUN w/those who LOVE Darkness

Church People who FALL into Deep Sin find NEW GROUP of Friends

Adopt NEW THEOLOGY – Substitute Holy God of Bible – Righteous Judge

NO God at All – MUSHY God Far Away, Old, Blind Can't SEE What We DO

d. No Spirituality Too BUSY for God – iPhone 6 Coming --- gotta go ORDER!

Our Age blessed More LEISURE Time / Disposable Wealth any AGE in History

Oh! That Esau would have followed Grandfather – Rugged Man like Esau

Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD. Genesis 13.18

TENT – All of Life is TRANSIENT – Look for City of God – True Home

ALTAR – All of Life is SACRED - God's Man in God's World to God's K.

Esau – And perhaps some of YOU – Made DIFFERENT Choice of Life...

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. Philippians 3.18,19

ENEMIES of Cross – god is BELLY – Glory in Shame - Think Earthly Things

DO WE HAVE Tears as think of THEM? - Their End is DESTRUCTION!!

For you know that afterward, when he (Esau) desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

Hebrews 12.17

Writer of HEBREWS struck by SHEER FUTILITY of Esau's TEARS

REAL, PAINFUL, But USELESS – Situation could NOT be UNDONE

Spiritual Repentance only done when there is Spiritual DESIRE

BITTER DESPAIR – Inconsolable GRIEF – May have Removed DESIRE

LIVE FOREVER with Painful Reality of FOOLISH CHOICE

4. Blessing of Coming Back

Hebrews 11 – Heroes of Faith > incl Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, NOT ESAU

Ch 12 – Esau – Bitter, Godless, Weeping, Unable & Unwilling to REPENT

Scary Fact > Go Beyond MERCY of God – Fall Off Cliff of Grace

What we have in the NEW COVENANT that Esau did not –

a. Canon – we have COMPLETE Record of Scripture, All Books of Bible

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he *has spoken to us by his Son* Hebrews 1.1,2

have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come

Hebrews 6.5

Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant... the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. Hebrews 7.22,28

we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... Hebrews 12.1

b. Christ

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4.14-16

Christ who **SUFFERED** – Understands **ALL** we Endure, Tempted By

This Christ is our **SAVIOR** – Draw Near to Him – Throne of **GRACE!**

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12.22-24

NEW Covenant > WIDENS God's Mercy > Only Unforgivable Sin reject Jesus

Whether HITLER or Mother THERESA - BLOOD of Jesus can Cover all SIN

Bible TEACHES BOTH God's Sovereignty AND Human RESPONSIBILITY

God decreed "Older will serve the younger"

OLDER then THREW AWAY his Place of Privilege by Free, Willful, CHOICE

God's choice of Jacob over Esau is seen to be in no sense unfair, it merely takes from him something that he counts of no value. That is how the process of election always works. Those who remain outside God's kingdom, who have not received his election and calling to become part of his people, do not lose something they sought to have but rather something they counted of no value. Noah does not have to fight to keep the masses out of the ark...he does not have to stand by the gangplank with a shotgun, warding off the crowds...quite the reverse, only those whose hearts God has changed would want to take shelter within its confining walls.

Iain M. Duguid

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
John 6.37

WANNA COME – Arms Held OUT Open for You – You are WELCOMED!

c. Community - People of God, SINK or SWIM Together, One Another

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God... Hebrews 12.15

If particular members are at fault, then the spiritual responsibility for putting the matter right rests on the whole congregation. Every Christian has some pastoral responsibility for his fellow Christians. It needs to be given practical expression in warm encouragement, sensible advice, prayerful sympathy, supportive fellowship, and the regular sharing of spiritual truth, as well as mutual correction.

Raymond Brown

Joining Small Grp MIGHT be best thing for your SOUL – Now & for Eternity!

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.
Hebrews 4.1

NEW Covenant > Mercy, Grace, in Christ – YOU CAN REPENT Now!

But BE WARNED this is NOT a GAME – Terrifying, Eternal, Consequences

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Hebrews 10.26-31

Only HOPE for ESAU – ME & YOU – SAVIOR who is NOT Like US

Savior who REGARDED his Birthright > Son knew Sent from Heaven to SAVE

Only this King of Heaven Save Us from Our Sin & Selfishness! Praise Him!

Genesis 25.²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!” (Therefore his name was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright now.” ³²Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” ³³Jacob said, “Swear to me now.” So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.