

Genesis 27.41 - 28.9

The First Step into Forever

Sad Fact of Life: All of us CLASHED w/ FAMILY, FRIENDS, LOVED Ones
 SHARP Words Spoken – TEARS Shed – HURT Spreads – SUN Sets on STRIFE
 MEET Again >> AWKWARD! – Hard to Know what to Say, Where to Begin!
 WHAT will be RESULT? – Hardness? Softening? Grow? Fall again?

Genesis 27 TERRIBLE Day in Covenant Family, 4 Members in FAMILY FEUD
 SAD DAY for All 4 Members ALL CAUGHT in Sin, Shame, Sorrow
 NEXT DAY > FAMILY Divided in Half / 2 Softened, 2 Hardened

1. Faithless Tears

ESAU evokes our SYMPATHY – Cool Guy, Mighty Hunter, NEGLECTED?
 Man's Man > EARNED WEAPONS: QUIVER, BOW, SYMBOLS of Strength
 Eagerly Attempts to WIN back BLESSING from Disobedient DAD > FAILS!

Esau wanted Blessings Blessing > GIFT but NOT the GIVER

Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry... Esau lifted up his voice and wept. Genesis 27.34,38

CRIES for what he MISSED – NOT for SINNING Against his MAKER
 NOT WORTHY of Blessing > NOT Willing to BEAR its RESPONSIBILITY

Not GODLY Man: RENOUNCES BIRTHRIGHT w/ OATH > DESPISES IT!

He LACKS KEY Virtues NECESSARY to PLEASE God > Faith & Repentance

Many TURN Away from God: HE does NOT Give them what they WANT

GOSPEL of Jesus > FIRST GIVE UP your Life!! THEN you will GET Life!

a. No Repentance

2 Verses Emphasize Esau's PITIFUL WEEPING over Lost BLESSING

SAD Moment Whenever we SEE a Person Moved to TEARS

Do NOT Confuse Esau's CRYING with GODLY CONTRITION

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret,
whereas worldly grief produces death. 2 Corinthians 7.10

“Just because you CRY over SIN, does not Mean True Repentance”

Tears of FRUSTRATED Selfishness NOT Godly SORROW > No Repentance!

HOW do we KNOW that?? 3 Verses AFTER Esau's Sad BLUBBERING read...

v. 41 Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

ESAU suffered LOSS and NOW wants SOMEONE to PAY

Today > Gonna SUE someone, Send Someone to PRISON > FEEL RELIEF!

Esau's HATRED was NOT JUST for Cheating Brother > but for GOD Himself

He is angry not only with his brother but also with his parents and with God himself, whose blessing, as he knows, it is and from whom alone it was also to be expected. Martin Luther

ESAU ECHOES our FIRST FATHER ADAM:

God said, “...Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”
The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me...” Genesis 3.11,12

NOT his FAULT > It's WIFE'S Fault...EVEN More it is GOD'S FAULT!!

Esau ALLOWS Hatred to make him Seed of Servant > Kill Jacob = Kill JESUS

b. No Discernment

ESAU: MARGINALIZED Family MEMBER who deeply wanted to BELONG
Would NOT Lead Covenant Family, but could be Member in it

Thru TENT WALLS he Hears Mom venting to Dad about his WIVES...

v. 46 Rebekah said to Isaac, “I loathe my life because of the Hittite women...”

ONLY NOW he Understands ERROR of Marrying Canaanite Women – TWO!

When Esau was forty years old, he took Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite to be his wife, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and they made life bitter for Isaac and Rebekah.
Genesis 26.34,35



JACOB sent back FAMILY HOMELAND of HARAN
Place where God called ABE when with Father TERAH
People there BELIEVED in ONE GOD – Monotheist

Esau REALIZES DONE the WRONG Thing – No Clue how to Make it Better

Goes to ISHMAEL – the REJECTED ELDER Brother like him – for SPOUSE

Esau thinks, “Dad & Mom want me to Marry good CHURCH Girl > Mormon!”

Ishmaelite closer to God than Hittite > But still Separated from God’s Blessing

Isn’t this a vivid picture of the way of the heart without God? Even when such persons try to do the things that are moral and upright, they increase their sin, because they don’t understand the nature of God or the depth of their natural depravity.
Iain Duguid

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

Proverbs 14.12

2. Failed Plans

Rebekah our Go-Getter-Gal SWINGS back into ACTION

UTTERLY UNCHANGED > MANTRA Remains: HER Will be DONE

vs. 43,44 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?"

Rebekah NOT want to Lose 2 Sons IF 1. Murdered 2. Executed by AVENGER

WRONGED Brother ESAU > NOT going to FORGET that QUICKLY

Rebekah was NOT a PROPHETESS > her Wish NEVER FULFILLED

BOTH Sons LEFT Home and MOM Rebekah NEVER saw them on Earth Again

20 yrs will PASS BEFORE the TWIN Brothers will MEET AGAIN

Rebekah was neither repentant about what she had done nor prepared to give up scheming to get her own way. Samuel Ngewa

v. 46, 28:1 Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?" Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him....

Esau wants to KILL Jacob > Rebekah HIDES that DETAIL from HUSBAND

DECEPTION Continues > Should TELL husband WHOLE Story

No EVIDENCE that ISAAC knows Beloved Wife was Mastermind of Deceit

SPINS JACOB's Exit Strategy over Disgust of Pagan Daughter-in-Laws

NOTICE "THEN'S" – Then Rebekah said "Jump!" / Then Isaac said "how high?"

JACOB would NEED Father's PERMISSION to LEAVE home

Rebekah Tries to FORCE Isaac to His Fatherly RESPONSIBILITY

More Dishonesty > CRIES about Esau's Wives to PUSH Husband to FIND her
FAVORITE Son a BETTER Wife and the PROMISED BLESSING

If MY Life STINKS > So WILL YOURS too my BEDRIDDEN Husband!

REBEKAH has NOT Learned to HUMBLE Herself before Almighty God

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that
will stand. Proverbs 19.21

GOOD Intentions?? BLESSING goes to Right Son, that Son get Right SPOUSE
HITTITE > Not UNDER the DISCIPLINE of the COVENANT of Living GOD
Faith ENDANGERED or ERRODED by ALLIANCES with UNBELIEVERS

v. 8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you.

v. 13 "Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice..."

v. 43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban...

3 X's MOM Says to Jacob 'OBEY me!' BETTER Respect Me, OBEY GOD!!

SAD to see Christian Women urging Kids to Follow God / Go to CHURCH
BY SHAMING and DISRESPECTING their HUSBANDS!

Backfires > KIDS often Sympathize with Dishonored Husband: More KIND

Self-Righteous Mom goes to Church Alone / Dad & Kids watch Sports on TV!

Wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the
word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they
see your respectful and pure conduct. 1 Peter 3.1,2

3. Firm Promise

Papa ISAAC is MOST BROKEN and CONTRITE after their FAMILY FEUD
 He STARTED the PROBLEM: REFUSED to Submit to & Apply WORD
 God's CLEAR Command: "The LORD said...the older shall serve the younger"

ISAAC Loved ESAU: SKILLFULLY Satisfied his CRAVING for Tasty MEAT!
 Great PLAN – BLESS his FAVORITE Son and ENJOY a TASTY MEAL too!
 Shamed: Gratification of Stomach MORE Impt SOVEREIGN GLORY of God

Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed." Genesis 27.33

VERSE Describes Isaac's Conversion > ISAAC broken by ALMIGHTY God

a. Blessing Spoken – *Word*

BROKEN Isaac REALIZES God's Will WILL Be DONE > No Tricks Work

The GOD of the Word decrees its FULFILLMENT

Isaac SHAKEN, Now SPEAKS the TRUE Blessing to God-Appointed Recipient

BLESSING from GOD – Given BY God in HIS Time and Way

BLESSING > NEVER was a PRIVATE DINNER > PUBLIC DECLARATION

1st PATRIARCH Abe:

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" Genesis 17.1-4

2nd Patriarch – son ISAAC – Covenant Promise EVEN Before CONVERSION

And the LORD appeared to him and said, "...I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and

will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed”
Genesis 26.2-4

Now having Truly met God of Covenant, passes it on chosen son, 3rd Patriarch...

“God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!”
Genesis 28.3,4

Isaac NOW UNDERSTANDS, VALUES, and PASSES On Covenant Blessing

Isaac had ALREADY given BLESSING to JACOB (Deceitfully dressed as Esau)

NOW Blessing given in LIGHT: Not DIVERTED by Isaac or DECEIT of Jacob

RIGHT MEN now behaving before ALMIGHTY GOD in the RIGHT WAY

“...my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it”
Isaiah 55.11

b. Blessing Secured – *Wife*

v. 3 “God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples”

FAITH Must ENDURE from Generation to Generation > Unbroken LINE

WHO you MARRY is the MOST IMPORTANT Mission Decision of LIFE

Will TRUE FAITH be CARRIED to the NEXT GENERATION?

Paul to Timothy: “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.”
2 Timothy 1.5

CALVIN > TIMOTHY drank in FAITH thru his Mother’s Milk

ISAAC sends JACOB to FIND a MONOTHEISTIC Wife > Believe in 1 God

Application to this ROOM FULL of Young Adults > GYNORMOUS!

If you TRULY Love Jesus you will LOVE ONLY one who LOVE'S Jesus too!

1 Corinthians 7: MARRIAGE – What if SPOUSE Dies?? Paul Answers...

A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, *only in the Lord*. 1 Corinthians 7.39

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?
2 Corinthians 6.14

Not JUST Marriage YOKE of Business Partners, Internship, Mentors

UNEQUAL Yoke > Marriage, Business, Alliances > Works against God's BEST

Biblical Standard: ONE Man marries ONE Woman for a LIFETIME

32 yrs of Marriage > 3 Decades of Fruitful Ministry > Gift of Godly Wife

4. Favored Traveler

a. Consequences

You may fool all the people some of the time, you can even fool some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all the time.

Abraham Lincoln

SMOOTH Brother Jacob > Life of TRICKS and SCHEMES – MOST Worked

ONE Person JACOB did NOT Fool was his MAKER – Omniscient, Holy, God
Delivered from PUNISHMENT of SIN > But Not all of its PROBLEMS

Too Bad, Wouldn't be GREAT if All Curse AND Consequences are REMOVED
No Regrets, No Bad Dreams, No Scars on our Souls: POOF! Magic! All GONE!

If that is WAY God did it > LOTS of People would FOLLOW Him! RIGHT?

HELL is full of People who Know Gospel > Not what they Want

People want GOD to let them BE GOD > They want THEIR WILL on Earth

Want GOD to be GENIE, BELL HOP, AYI, NAVY SEAL, SUGAR DADDY

God works thru SIN, STRUGGLE, SORROWS > TOUGH Love of Father

Working in US for OUR GOOD and HIS GLORY

The aim of the *God-sent consequences of forgiven sin* are (1) to demonstrate the exceeding evil of sin, (2) to show that God does not take sin lightly even when he lays aside his punishment, (3) to humble and sanctify the forgiven sinner... “the Lord disciplines him whom he *loves*...” (Hebrews 12:6)... This is immensely important to teach in a day when there is an imbalance of emphasis on the Father’s forgiving tenderness to the exclusion of the *Father’s forgiving toughness*.
John Piper

Jacob 77 yrs OLD NOT a MATURE Man YET – Needs 20 more yrs Growing
Maturity is being big enough on the inside to control yourself on the outside.

JACOB Hated by BROTHER, MANIPULATED by his MOTHER
FOUND himself THRUST OUT of Cozy Nest he FEATHERED at HOME
Parents tell them, “OK, son, you’re 77 Now! Time to get OUT a Find a Job!”

JACOB going to be VICTIM of Cruel, Scheming, Trickster UNCLE LABAN
Laban gives Jacob BITTER Introduction into MAJOR Leagues of TREACHERY
From PAMPERED PRINCELING of Mama Rebekah to PRISONER of LABAN

²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be *conformed to the image of his Son*... Romans 8.28,29

We want GOD’S PERFECT PLAN > Often Means PAINFUL PROCESS

IMAGE of CRUCIFIED Son – Jesus calls us to PICK Up CROSS & FOLLOW

Old Man JACOB will go Down to EGYPT in Search of FOOD > Son JOSEPH
Describes his LIFE to PHAROAH....

Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How many are the days of the years of your life?” And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. *Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life*, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.”
Genesis 47.8,9

Was he FAVORED Son? Yes! Was God Faithful to Promises? Certainly!

Did COVENANT Blessing continue THRU Jacob to his Sons, their Nation? Yes!

“Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life!!”

Being a believer does not exempt you from the laws of God’s righteous and impartial dealings in history. In fact, the judgments of God are often even more severe on those who belong to his household.
James Boice

b. Church

“God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become *a company of peoples*”
Genesis 28.3

COMMUNITY of Nations will Come from Jacob > 12 Sons form NATION

What God promised to Jacob through Isaac’s blessing is nothing less than the beginning of Israel...we may even say this promise is the beginning of the church.
Iain Duguid

“COMPANY” - HEB. ‘QAHAL’ / GK. Translation of OT > ‘EKKLESIA’

EKKLESIA – Called OUT to GATHER Together – NT word for CHURCH

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith... Hebrews 11.39,40, 12.1-2

We SEE the CHURCH in OT / ISRAEL in NT / ONE People of God

c. Confidence

Jacob the TRUE HEIR taking LONG Journey AWAY from PROMISED LAND
HARDSHIPS and SURPRISES will AWAIT – UNKNOWN FUTURE

500 Miles on Foot – No Phone, Convenience Stores, Google Maps

LEAVING for More than 20 yrs > LAND belonged to him & Children by Right

NOT Alone – Carried PROMISE of the God – SLOWLY getting to KNOW...

May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!”
Genesis 28.4

He is becoming 3rd PATRIARCH of God’s Covenant COMMUNITY

Look BEYOND Promise to PROMISE MAKER because He’s PROMISE Keeper

“He has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world”
2 Peter 1.4

Jacob NOT REALLY know God YET – UNCONVERTED CHOSEN SON

So FAR – Every PICTURE of Jacob has been NEGATIVE, NOT Man of Faith!

NO Reason for HOPE or CONFIDENCE in Jacob

Every Reason for CERTAIN TRUST in the GOD of JACOB

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Psalm 46.5-7

Thru NO MERIT of his OWN – With NO Reason for HOPE IN himself

Jacob Taking 1st Steps in Forever: Scoundrel will become God’s Son ISRAEL

Like US – Jacob Belongs to CHURCH > Membership by GRACE thru FAITH

Our JOURNEY looks IMPOSSIBLE > WE walk by FAITH, NOT by SIGHT

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to
completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1.6

COMMUNION MEDIATION:

PROBLEM with Covenant Family > **NONE** of them **HUMBLE** Themselves

ALL have **PERSONAL AGENDA** > Want **THEIR WILL** to be **DONE!**

Come to **TABLE** – **FOCUS** on Jesus – **DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE...**

FAITHFUL Covenant **FAMILIES** are seen when:

HUSBANDS love Wives and lay down their lives for them

WIVES Submit to their **HUSBANDS**

FATHERS who **DO NOT** Exasperate their Children

BROTHERS who Serve One Another – **BEAR** e/other's **BURDENS**

CHILDREN HONOR their Parents

Jesus: “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it” Luke 9.24

Jesus **PRACTICED** what he **PREACHED...**

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2.5-10

HUMBLY took **OUR CROSS** > Paying **FULL PENALTY** for our **SINS**

VICTORIOUSLY Won **CROWN** > **RISING** in Power & Sovereign **GLORY**

Genesis 27⁴¹Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”⁴²But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah. So she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, “Behold, your brother Esau comforts himself about you by planning to kill you.⁴³Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran⁴⁴and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away—⁴⁵until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?”⁴⁶Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I loathe my life because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?”^{28:1} Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women.²Arise, go to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel your mother's father, and take as your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.³God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.⁴May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!”⁵Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.⁶Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he directed him, “You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women,”⁷and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and gone to Paddan-aram.⁸So when Esau saw that the Canaanite women did not please Isaac his father,⁹Esau went to Ishmael and took as his wife, besides the wives he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.