

Genesis 27.1-40

Family Feud

MOST PATHETIC Story in book of Genesis > Why is it in BIBLE?

vs. 1-4 When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.” He said, “Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death... my soul may bless you before I die.”

Blessing NOT just WHAT they SAID BEFORE Eating

Family LEADER, RICHES, RESPONSIBILITY >> COVENANT Family

Isaac at least 100 – 137? (Luther) / Age bro. Ishmael died – Melodramatic

Bit of HYPOCONDRIAC – Will NOT Die until he is 180 – BED RIDDEN?

If ISAAC was 137 > Sons were 77! / If 100, they’re 40 --- FULL GROWN Men!

THIS Family DESTINED to BLESS Whole WORLD > Whole FAMILY is...

1. Ignoring God

a. His Word

v. 4 prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”

LIVED for SELFISH FEASTING “I MAY Eat” – Not FAMILY Banquet

8 X’s word GAME / 6 X’s TASTY FOOD, BLESSING 21 X’s linked w FOOD

Language of SENSUALITY – I LOVE this Meat > Word used for Romance!

Isaac’s SENSES mentioned here > Touch, Taste, Smell, Hearing

Terrible FAILURE of COMMON Sense! v. 20 “How did you get this quickly?”

NATHAN Bow Hunting for DEER in Oregon > WEEK Saw Many, Killed_____

1 Sense Works is IGNORED > TENOR Jacob HARD TIME Singing BASS

vs. 22 So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.”

ISAAC trusted ALL Wrong FAILING Senses – Eyes, Touch, Smell, Taste

SHOULD have LISTENED to that VOICE > WRONG VOICE

GOD had Spoken CLEAR Word given for them to FOLLOW & OBEY: DEAF!

the LORD said to her, “...the older shall serve the younger.” Genesis 25.23

OUR Society cannot be SILENT, All Wear EAR PODS > DEAF to God's Voice

Given to WILLFULNESS, SELF-GRATIFICATION > I want the BARBIE!!

Faith in BIBLE is Religion of EAR, NOT the EYE

Don't be FOOLED by SMOKE & MIRRORS > Hear & Measure MESSAGE

“Then the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice. And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments... Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

Deuteronomy 4.12,13, 6.4

Peter, James, John went Mtn with Jesus & met MOSES & ELIJAH

For he (Peter) did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.”

Mark 9.6,7

CHURCH Today – Caught up in MEDIA Focus – Religion of EYE

TV Preachers – Have to JAZZ it Up to Hold Viewers – Message HEARD!

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

b. His Power HOME usually takes CHARACTERISTICS from the MOTHER

vs. 5-9 Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, ‘Bring me game and

prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.’ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. Go...

NO SECRETS in a TENT > listened INENTLY Gossip for PRAYER Requests

Isaac’s BLESSING > CONDITIONED on EATING this MEAT!!

Rebekah worked KITCHEN MAGIC – GOAT Meat taste like VENISON

Rebekah CHILDLESS for 20 years > God ANSWERED Prayer > TWINS!

FORGOTTEN OMNIPOTENCE > Sovereign Will and Timing > Never LATE

For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills...If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. Psalm 50.10,12

GOD does NOT NEED us to make Him a SANDWICH – He owns BAKERY!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

Roman 11.34

MOM > NEVER Say ‘OBEY me!’ / No, Respect Me, but OBEY GOD!!

c. His Judgment

vs. 11,12 But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing.”

How GOATSKIN feel like HUMAN Hair? ESAU: HAIRY like a BEAST

WOOKIE or Missing-Link? ALF! Or PHILLY PHANATIC!

Jacob does not say it is WICKED, but only is it UNWORKABLE

Jacob is PRAGMATIST – Only IMPORTANT Question: “Will it WORK?”

EAGERLY WANTS to SIN > Just does NOT WANT the CONSEQUENCES!

He who is later capable of wrestling with God wrestles little with his mother or with his conscience.

V. Hamilton

d. His Holiness

ESAU evokes our SYMPATHY – Cool Guy, Hunter, Drives Pick-Up Truck

DAD says he's HUNGRY > Goes OUT and HUNTS in Open WILDERNESS

vs. 30-32 As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me." His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau."

NO Indication when walks in KNOWS Jacob just Took Out the Take IN

vs. 34-36 Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!"... "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing."

Esau wanted Blessings Blessing > GIFT but NOT the GIVER

Blessing COMES from HOLY God > Married 2 PAGAN Wives

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

VIOLATED Accepted Patriarchal PRACTICE > Contracted his OWN Marriages

Did NOT Seek WISDOM & BLESSING of Parents, Hittites: Godless Canaanites

Both Isaac & Esau WRONG for Not finding Wife, Like Abe did for Son ISAAC

Jacob NOT TAKE Birthright > Esau TRADED for STEW > DESPISED it!

PATRON Saint "As long as I cry real hard then everything will be alright!"

LOTS of Children FIGURED this OUT > Phony Tears PUSH Parent's Buttons

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

Tears of FRUSTRATED Selfishness NOT Godly SORROW > No Repentance!

Member of Covenant FAMILY - Not Bowing down to God

Strive for...the holiness without which no one will see the Lord...See to it that ...no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. Hebrews 12.14-16

2. Playing God

a. The Son – Forerunner of ONE CHILD Policy

FAVORED Son – SPOILED Son – SITS in BED Ordering People AROUND

Chapter REEKS of Family DYSFUNCTION – Dad should call POW-WOW

SIT Family down and have HO’OPONOPONO – Sharing, Caring, Loving

Ch. Dialogues of Conflicting Parties > FAMILY FEUD, FRACTURED by SIN

Isaac & Esau / Rebekah & Jacob / Isaac & Jacob (dressed like Esau)

Isaac & Esau / Rebekah & Jacob > Jacob & Esau NEVER Meet

Husband & Wife JUST BRIEFLY – at END of Chapter

v. 5 Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to *his son Esau*

v. 6 Rebekah said to *her son Jacob*

Typically in Hebrew narrative only two characters dialogue at one time. Here, however, the number of separate meetings and their manner imply intentional exclusion and reflect the deep division within the family...Isaac, the precious son of a great father, becomes the beguiled father of a scheming son. Bruce Waltke

Blessing // Family going for CELEBRATION at Restaurant

Secret Blessing – NOT Normal > PUBLIC, FAMILY Ritual for ALL to SEE

SECRET > Did NOT want to CONFRONT his wife REBEKAH

ISAAC wants to ORDER IN and EAT ALL by himself in BED!

ESAU learned to THINK with his STOMACH from FATHER ISAAC

PATRON Saint of all who Say, “I do NOT care WHAT the Word of God says, I must FOLLOW MY Feelings!!”

“He is like many in our day who think they can defy the almighty God successfully.”
James Boice

b. Supervisor – DECEPTIVE & MANIPULATIVE Rebekah

vs. 15-17 Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

GO-GETTER-GAL: SPRINGS into MOTION, Makes PLAN & ORDERS

Some DEFEND Rebekah – like RAHAB LIED to Protect Hebrew Spies

Rebekah – unlike Rahab – CONTROL of Situation, HER will be DONE

Like MOSES KILLING Egyptian to DEFEND his Hebrew Countrymen

PETER taking out SWORD to DEFEND his LORD in GETHSEMANE

SATAN offered JESUS the KINGDOM if ONLY He would BOW Down to him

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

Failed to TRUST God to do RIGHT thing in HIS WAY and HIS TIME

Going WRONG Way by doing RIGHT THING: LIES, STRIFE, DISHONOR

To exploit a man’s blindness was not only prohibited on grounds of humanity: God himself watched over the dealings of the blind and deaf. G. von Rad

PATRON Saint – “God HELPS those who HELP THEMSELVES!”

God does NOT NEED your SINFUL, FOOLISH help to Achieve His PURPOSE

God CARES about JOURNEY – Truth, Righteousness, Justice, Honesty

An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 2 Timothy 2.5

c. Strong – MISGUIDED and VIOLENT ESAU

the LORD said: “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; *the one shall be stronger than the other...*” Genesis 25.23

v. 3 Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me...

QUIVER & BOW Cultural SYMBOLS of Masculinity, INITIATED to Manhood

Man’s Man > Take your WEAPONS, your QUIVER, BOW > SYMBOLS

He LACKS the ONE Essential Virtue to PLEASE God > FAITH

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power...
Isaiah 40.25,26

He has NO God-Inspired DREAM, No VISION of TRANSCENDENT God

Esau BROKE his OWN OATH

Jacob said, “Swear to me now.” So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob.
Genesis 25.33

LIVES in the NOW with NO Thought about FUTURE > Despises Covenant

NOT WORTHY of Blessing > NOT Willing to BEAR its RESPONSIBILITY

d. Schemer – OPPORTUNISTIC & UNPRINCIPLED JACOB

Jacob is the SMOOTH BROTHER in EVERY SENSE of the word

Jacob NOT WORTHY EITHER > MYSTERY of GRACE – Why ME??

PRAGMATISM before PURITY > BOLD Faced LIAR & BLASPHEMER

LOOKED ABSURD Wearing SKINS, CLOTHES of his Smelly, Hairy Brother

v. 19 Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me...

v. 20 Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because *the LORD your God* granted me success.”

PRAGMATISM before PURITY > BOLD Faced LIAR & BLASPHEMER

PATRON Saint “I can SIN and I won’t GET CAUGHT or HURT”

But he DOES get the BLESSING....

vs. 28,29 May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!”

DEW of Mediterranean BRINGS LIFE to the Land of PALESTINE

Blessing: 1. Rich, Fertile Land / 2. Dew: Water, Abundance / 3. Nations: EMPIRE, Universal Dominion / 4. PROTECTION – Hedge of Blessing

God’s COVENANT BLESSING is IRREVOCABLE – Not BY WORKS

NO HEROES in Story > FOUR People who FAIL Miserably

Several Commentators – Exegetical Gymnastics – Make 4 Look GOOD

Don’t LIKE to ADMIT – Characters are A LOT LIKE US!

God takes CROOKED STICK and draws STRAIGHT LINE

No One in FAMILY TRUSTS Anyone ELSE

ISAAC Not TRUST his Wife REBEKAH – She does NOT Trust HUSBAND

JACOB knows FATHER would NOT Trust him > Puts on Esau Costume

TWIN Brothers – ESAU & JACOB – did NOT TRUST Eachother

STORY > 5th Character: GOD – He is DECISIVE One, Sovereign, Savior

Let God be true though every one were a liar Romans 3.4

3. Facing God

a. Anti-Blessing - Esau

Early chapters of Genesis > FIRST Son of FIRST PARENTS > CAIN

REJECTED the Lord God who REDEEMED Parents > he Kills Brother

Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD... Genesis 4.16

ESAU makes SAME TRAGIC Choice as CAIN > Becomes SEED of SERPENT

NOT the CHOSEN Son > WORD of BLESSING Rightly GIVEN

Word CANNOT BE Returned or Retracted > Will NOT Return VOID

vs. 38-40 Esau said to his father, “Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: “Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from the dew of heaven on high. By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you grow restless you shall break his yoke from your neck.”

ANTI-BLESSING > Appropriate DESTINY of PROFANE PERSON

Esau will have NEITHER PROSPERITY, Nor LORDSHIP, Nor BLESSING

FREEDOM to LIVE UNBLESSED and UNTAMED

People who GO to HELL > FULFILL their CHOICE > REJECT GOD

Hell ETERNITY faraway from GOD & GIFTS: No Good, Light, Love, Truth

You can be CHURCH Member, Worker, Leader, Preacher

ESAU ohh soo CLOSE > PRINCEING – CHILD of Covenant FAMILY

Jesus: “I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” Luke 13.5

b. Banished – Jacob – WAY Better Right?? NO! Just as TERRIBLE, Worse?

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!”

vs. 43-45 Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran and stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away— until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him.

STAY A LITTLE WHILE!! – Took over MONTH to Travel to HARAN!!

Jacob THINKS he is Good SCHEEMER! Minor Leagues compared to LABAN!

Behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.
Numbers 32:23

Will be 20 YEARS before these TWIN Brothers MEET Again

God had MANY LESSONS to Teach BOTH of Them, esp JACOB

Jacob will BE DECEIVED by his SONS too! BLOOD of Goat > of Joseph?

PATRON Saint – SALVATION is by GRACE Alone, thru FAITH Alone

EVIL is done by HEROES! Disappointing to see LEADERS FALL!

PAINFUL, EMBARRASSING > SCANDAL in Churches & Ministries

WORLD Laughs and Mocks – SATAN Rejoices – Christ & Church SHAMED

GOD writes the SCRIPT – ORDERS Even FALLEN World – God IN Details!

NEVER an EXCUSE for SIN > See Consequences in LIVES of our HEROES

God will Judge Sinner AND Perform His Judgments thru their SIN

God can DRAW a STRAIGHT LINE with a CROOKED STICK

From Jacob's story we can see that God at times allows success in sin because he has a greater lesson to teach someone at a later time...None of us experiences immediate response from God every time we sin...That inevitably means that sin has the capability of bringing temporary success. God, in his impeccable sovereignty, will bring each sin to light and fruit so as to serve his optimum purposes in our lives and in his plan. He did so to Jacob, and will do so in our lives as well. The success from sin is short-lived. John H. Walton

WILL there be PUNISHMENT for SINNERS – Of Course! No EXCUSE

EXPLAINS the State of CHURCH in Fallen World

WHEAT & WEEDS grow TOGETHER

Paul tells Philippians Rejoice >> Christ PREACHED even w WRONG Motives!

Does NOT MEAN that CHURCH is GOING to FALL APART!!

LAMPSTAND will be MOVED but not EXTINGUISHED

NOT an EXCUSE but an EXPLANATION

CROSS Judas, Herod, Pilate GUILTY > GOD Used EVIL Act for Great GOOD

“...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it”

Acts 2.23,24

EVIL is Around US, it is IN US > Will ONE DAY be FULLY REMOVED

God would never permit evil, if he could not bring good out of it.

c. Abandoned Rebekah

v. 45 Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?”

PUNISHMENT: NO RECORD Rebekah will SEE EITHER Son Ever Again

DIES Anonymously – Only READ of Death of HER GOD-FEARING Nurse
 And Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak below
 Bethel. Genesis 35.8

READER only left to INFER > Rebekah dead TOO

NOTHING to Add to Story of Salvation > No GODLY Example, Forgotten

SCHEME – Wrong Method for RIGHT END – Fulfill PROMISE of God

v. 13 His mother said to him, “Let your curse be on me, my son...”

Rebekah got WHAT SHE ASKED FOR > Lived out her days in that PAIN

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also
 reap. Galatians 6.7

d. Broken – Isaac DEMANDS his will – but GOD says NO!

v. 33 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.”

Isaac trembles with GUILT – Knows he was WRONG to FAVOR Esau

POSSIBLY in DARK Chapter – THIS VERSE Describes Isaac’s Conversion

STUBBORN, WILFULL Man > DEFYS God’s WORD & WILL

Gratification of Stomach MORE Important than SOVEREIGN GLORY of God

OLD, BLIND, POWERLESS > Still thought OUTWIT God, Control Blessing

Jacob will LATER be PAINFULLY Broken – Wrestle ALL NIGHT with God

ISAAC broken by ALMIGHTY God in One Verse

His whole beautiful dream for a peaceful and proper closure to his life has been
 irreversibly shattered. W. Brueggemann

PLAN Fails/ SECRET Exposed/ MEAL Spoiled: Arms too short to Box w/God

For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back? Isaiah 14.27

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

At THAT Point – Realization of POWER of God's Word & Will – Commended

By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. Hebrews 11.20

Are you surrendered to God? Has your own selfish will been broken? Before any great work of grace, there must be the internal earthquake that Isaac experienced. If you are not God's, the earthquake must come and your own ways must crash to destruction before it. James Boice

Word of GOD Irreversible > CANNOT Steal BLESSING or CURSE

GOD of Word decrees its FULFILLMENT

GUILTY REBEKAH Deserved CURSE > She ASKED for it!

Fullness of Time > GRACIOUS REDEEMER came ENDURED that CURSE

SINLESS Savior – No Guilt of His Own – Bore OUR Guilt, Paid our PENALTY

Jesus said words of Rebekah - "Let your curse be on me" > Went to CROSS

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5.21

IF you TRULY know this LOVE of God in CHRIST > Changed, Broken

SIN No Longer your LOVE and JOY

LOVE of Christ CONSTRAINS you to REPENT, BELIEVE, FOLLOW Him

Genesis 27:¹When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.”²He said, “Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death.”³Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me,⁴and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”⁵Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it,⁶Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I heard your father speak to your brother Esau,⁷‘Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.’⁸Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you.⁹Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves.¹⁰And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies.”¹¹But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man.¹²Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing.”¹³His mother said to him, “Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.”¹⁴So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved.¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.¹⁶And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.¹⁷And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.¹⁸So he went in to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who are you, my son?”¹⁹Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.”²⁰But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the LORD your God granted me success.”²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.”²²So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.”²³And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him.²⁴He said, “Are you really my son Esau?” He answered, “I am.”²⁵Then he said, “Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you.” So he

brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. ²⁶Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near and kiss me, my son.” ²⁷So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said, “See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed! ²⁸May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. ²⁹Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!” ³⁰As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, “Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me.” ³²His father Isaac said to him, “Who are you?” He answered, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.” ³³Then 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.” ³⁴As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me, even me also, O my father!” ³⁵But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.” ³⁶Esau said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing.” Then he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?” ³⁷Isaac answered and said to Esau, “Behold, I have made him lord over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?” ³⁸Esau said to his father, “Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. ³⁹Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: “Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from the dew of heaven on high. ⁴⁰By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you grow restless you shall break his yoke from your neck.”