

Losing Tomorrow's Blessing for Today's Sin

Genesis Chapter 25

- Gen 25:1 **1) Abraham Dies** vs 1-11 A Satisfied Life
Now Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah.
- Gen 25:2 She bore to him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah.
- Gen 25:3 Jokshan became the father of Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim and Letushim and Leummim.
- Gen 25:4 The sons of Midian {were} Ephah and Epher and Hanoch and Abida and Eldaah. All these {were} the sons of Keturah.
- *New wife and 6 more kids*
 - *In his old age. This shows the long reaching effects of God's miraculous healing of Abraham that when God renewed Abraham to bear children it was a lasting effect.*
- Gen 25:5 Now Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac;
- *An implication of the birthright*
- Gen 25:6 but to the sons of his concubines, Abraham gave gifts while he was still living, and sent them away from his son Isaac eastward, to the land of the east.
- Gen 25:7 These are all the years of Abraham's life that he lived, one hundred and seventy-five years.
- Gen 25:8 Abraham breathed his last and died in a ripe old age, an old man and **satisfied {with life;}** and he was gathered to his people.
- *Dieing Satisfied*
- Gen 25:9 Then his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, facing Mamre,
- Gen 25:10 the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth; there Abraham was buried with Sarah his wife.
- Gen 25:11 It came about after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac lived by Beer-lahai-roi.
- Gen 25:12 **2) Ishmael** vs 12-18 Settled in Defiance
Now these are {the records of} the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maid, bore to Abraham;
- Gen 25:13 and these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael, and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam
- Gen 25:14 and Mishma and Dumah and Massa,
- Gen 25:15 Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah.
- Gen 25:16 These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages, and by their camps; twelve princes according to their tribes.
- Gen 25:17 These are the years of the life of Ishmael, one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.
- Gen 25:18 They settled from Havilah to Shur which is east of Egypt as one goes toward Assyria; he **settled in defiance** of all his relatives.
- *Settled in defiance*

- Gen 25:19 **3) Isaac, Rebekah and the Birth of 2 Nations** vs 19-34 Struggling Together
Now these are {the records of} the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham became the father of Isaac;
- Gen 25:20 and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.
- Gen 25:21 Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived.
- Gen 25:22 But the children **struggled together** within her; and she said, "If it is so, why then am I {this way?}" So she went to inquire of the LORD.
- Gen 25:23 The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb; And two peoples will be separated from your body; And one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger."
- Gen 25:24 When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.
- Gen 25:25 Now the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they named him Esau.
- Gen 25:26 Afterward his brother came forth with his hand holding on to Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob; and Isaac was sixty years old when she gave birth to them.
- Gen 25:27 When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob was a peaceful man, living in tents.
- *Contrast Esau & Jacob*
 - *Man of Field vs. Man of Tents*
 - *Hunter vs. Peaceful*
 - *Skillful More than a hunter. A man who was practiced in luring, trapping, ambushing and skilled in killing. Skillful speaks of being absorbed in all manner of hunting to the point of this being not only priority in your life but the single character that defines who you are. What are you absorbed into? The things of God or something else*
 - *Imagine in Chapter 27 when Esau says, "I will kill Jacob" what that meant to Jacob.*
 - *"Peaceful" or "Plain" actual word translates complete, pure, morally & ethically*
- Gen 25:28 Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.
- Gen 25:29 When Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he was famished;
- Gen 25:30 and Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom.
- Gen 25:31 But Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."
- Gen 25:32 Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die; so of what {use} then is the birthright to me?"
- *Impulsive & Dominated by his appetite. (Peter was also yet Peter was broken.) Devalued Birthright*
- Gen 25:33 And Jacob said, "First swear to me"; so he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.
- *Had opportunity to back out of foolish words. "Do you really want to delete this file?"*
- Gen 25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.
- *Satisfied, Esau leaves unthankful and without appreciation for the things of God.*
 - *Malachi 1:2 & Romans 9:13 "Jacob I have loved; Esau I have hated."*

More issues concerning Esau

- *Genesis 26:34 Esau 40 years old and Esau married heathen wives that would be a sore to parents - Spiteful and desires to punish Eph 6 says to "Honor your father & mother"*
- *Genesis 37:30-38 Esau thinks he all of a sudden lost his blessing. But no the blessings are not lost over night.*
- *Hebrews 12:16-17 " he found no place for repentance" - he sounds like he tried to repent and*

God refused. No we saw in Gen 27 that he wanted a blessing but not one time does he say he had sinned. He found no place because it was not in him.

To Despise

- Lev 26:14-33 (vs 15 if you reject or *despise* my statutes...)
- Definitions of despise
 - 1) To give no account
 - 2) To regard as nothing
 - 3) To treat with contempt
 - 4) To set at nought (New Testament usage)
- Mark 9:12 "...it is written that the Son of man, that He must suffer many things and be *set at nought*." This speaks concerning Jesus that He will be despised.
- Matthew 6:24 "No man can serve tow masters: for either he will hate the on e and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and *despise* the other, Ye cannot serve God and mammon."
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Can a Christian Despise Christ?

- Eph 1:3-14 show our treasury in the birthright of Jesus
- "History shows that men prefer illusions to realities, choose time rather than eternity, and the pleasures of sin for a season rather than the joys of God forever. Men will read trash rather than the Word of God, and adhere to a system of priorities that leaves God out of their lives. Multitudes of men spend more time shaving than on their souls; and multitudes of women give more minutes to their makeup than to the life of the eternal spirit. Men still sell their birthright for a mess of pottage." (Barnhouse)

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