

Isaac	- the Church of Disobedience
Esau	- the Church of Self
Rebekah	- the Church of Pragmatics
Jacob	- the Church of No Responsibility

Stealing What God Has Already Given

Genesis Chapter 27

Gen 26:34 When Esau was forty years old he married Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite;

Gen 26:35 and they brought grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

- *Isaac ultimately tells Jacob not to take a wife from the Canaanites but sends him to Rebekah's family to get a wife. (Ch. 28)*
- *Esau saw this and was angrier still and married women from Ishmael's lineage to spite Isaac & Rebekah even more.*
- *Esau's character was a fornicator and profane person (Hebrews 12:16).*

Gen 27:1 **1) The Deception** vs 1-26

Now it came about, when Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." And he said to him, "Here I am."

Gen 27:2 Isaac said, "Behold now, I am old {and} I do not know the day of my death.

- *Isaac is 137 years old at this scene. He will yet live 43 more years.
Gen 35:28 Isaac dies at 180 years old Gen 26:34 Esau was 40 and Isaac was still active then*
- *Esau and Jacob are 77 years Old*

Gen 27:3 "Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me;

Gen 27:4 and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die."

- *Isaac is intentionally not following the word of the Lord that the younger will be blessed. This didn't happen over night.*
- *It is also interesting that this mis-directed blessing is centered around "Game" "Savory Dish" "Eating" just as Esau sold his birthright*

Gen 27:5 Rebekah was listening while Isaac spoke to **his son** Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game to bring {home,}

Gen 27:6 Rebekah said to **her son** Jacob, "Behold, I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, saying,

Gen 27:7 'Bring me {some} game and prepare a savory dish for me, that I may eat, and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.'

Gen 27:8 "Now therefore, my son, listen to me as I command you.

Gen 27:9 "Go now to the flock and bring me two choice young goats from there, that I may prepare them {as} a savory dish for your father, such as he loves.

Gen 27:10 "Then you shall bring {it} to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death."

- *Rebekah does God's will (work) her way not God's way. Like the pragmatic church, Doing what ever it takes to accomplish God's will except trusting in Him*
- *Paul said, "Shall we continue to sin so that grace would abound? God forbid!" Romans 6:1*
- *God's work must be done God's way. (Ex. Moses as Deliverer, David, Bringing Ark into Jerusalem)*

Gen 27:11 Jacob answered his mother Rebekah, "Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man and I am a smooth man.

Gen 27:12 "Perhaps my father will feel me, then I will be as a deceiver in his sight, and I will bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing."

- *Seem to be a deceiver (He Was!)*
- *Are we concerned with our reputation more than our character. What do people think about me not what I am.*

- Gen 27:13 But his mother said to him, "Your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get {them} for me."
- Truly there was a curse. Jacob left for over 20 years and Rebekah died in the interim and she never saw her son again, and her last words were teaching deception.
 - See her follow thru on this in verse 45.
- Gen 27:14 So he went and got {them,} and brought {them} to his mother; and his mother made savory food such as his father loved.
- Gen 27:15 Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.
- Gen 27:16 And she put the skins of the young goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.
- Gen 27:17 She also gave the savory food and the bread, which she had made, to her son Jacob.
- Gen 27:18 Then he came to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?"
- Gen 27:19 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn; I have done as you told me. Get up, please, sit and eat of my game, that you may bless me."
- Gen 27:20 Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have {it} so quickly, my son?" And he said, "Because the LORD your God caused {it} to happen to me."
- Gen 27:21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come close, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not."
- Gen 27:22 So Jacob came close to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."
- All of Isaac's senses misled him. (Sight, Smell, Taste, Feeling) Only his hearing was telling him the truth, but he relied on his other senses to confirm the word he heard.
- Gen 27:23 He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.
- Gen 27:24 And he said, "Are you really my son Esau?" And he said, "I am."
- Gen 27:25 So he said, "Bring {it} to me, and I will eat of my son's game, that I may bless you." And he brought {it} to him, and he ate; he also brought him wine and he drank.
- Gen 27:26 Then his father Isaac said to him, "Please come close and kiss me, my son."

Gen 27:27 **2) The Blessing** vs 27-29

So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he blessed him and said, "See, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed;

Gen 27:28 Now may God give you of the dew of heaven, And of the fatness of the earth, And an abundance of grain and new wine;

Gen 27:29 May peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you; Be master of your brothers, And may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, And blessed be those who bless you."

Gen 27:30 **3) The Revelation** vs 30-41

Now it came about, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had hardly gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

- Gen 27:31 Then he also made savory 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."
- Gen 27:32 Isaac his father said to him, "Who are you?" And he said, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau."
- Gen 27:33 Then Isaac trembled violently, and said, "Who was he then that hunted game and brought {it} to me, so that I ate of all {of it} before you came, and blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed."
- *The Blessing is a blessing even tho it was taken by deception*
 - *Hebrews 11:20 says that Isaac blessed Jacob by faith. Where was faith? In deception? No, it is here where Isaac says, "Yes, and he shall be blessed."*
- Gen 27:34 When 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!"
- Gen 27:35 And he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and has taken away your blessing."
- Gen 27:36 Then he said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"
- Gen 27:37 But Isaac replied to Esau, "Behold, I have made him your master, and all his relatives I have given to him as servants; and with grain and new wine I have sustained him. Now as for you then, what can I do, my son?"
- Gen 27:38 Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, {even} me also, O my father." So Esau lifted his voice and wept.
- *Esau was not as passionate when he lost (gave away) the birthright. But the loss of the Blessing caused him to wail vs. 34 Why? Because it is what is needed in our soul deep with in us.*
 - *A Patriarchal Blessing*
 - *Who They are*
 - *Where they are headed (not based upon performance but his future)*
 - *Attention, Affection, Affirmation*
 - *Elements of the Blessing*
 - *A Tender Meaningful Touch* (Mark Ch. 10 That he might touch them ex. 27)
 - *A Message of Valued Valuable Evaluation* (Prov. 3:27 Withhold not good ex. vs 27)
 - *A Message of a Special Future* (Peter Eval Cephas Named Rock ex. vs 28)
 - *A Continued Commitment* (Un-reversed, Isaac will see it through vs 37)
 - *Examples (Gen 1:28-Father God, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, Matt 3:17 Mark 9:7 Mark 10:16 -Jesus)*
- Gen 27:39 Then Isaac his father answered and said to him, "Behold, away from the fertility of the earth shall be your dwelling, And away from the dew of heaven from above.
- Gen 27:40 "By your sword you shall live, And your brother you shall serve; But it shall come about when you become restless, That you will break his yoke from your neck."
- Gen 27:41 So Esau bore a grudge against 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 near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."
- *Esau was a skilled hunter. Trained in trapping, ambush, killing*
 - *This threat from a man like Esau was very dangerous.*
 - *Little did he know Isaac would live 43 more years*

Gen 27:42 **4) The Escape** vs 42-46

Now when the words of her elder son Esau were reported to Rebekah, she sent and called her younger son Jacob, and said to him, "Behold your brother Esau is consoling himself concerning you {by planning} to kill you.

Gen 27:43 "Now therefore, my son, obey my voice, and arise, flee to Haran, to my brother Laban!

Gen 27:44 "Stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury subsides,

Gen 27:45 until your brother's anger against you subsides and he forgets what you did to him. Then I will send and get you from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?"

Gen 27:46 Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am tired of living because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth, like these, from the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

- *Rebekah tho telling the truth still manipulates Isaac to instruct Jacob concerning a wife and going to Laban's house.*
- *Rebekah will never see her son again.*

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