

Let's Worship God

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Monday - Genesis 25:29-34 - The Sale of a Birthright

Esau's birthright is the spiritual privilege of the oldest. It is a double blessing from his father when he dies, the promise of inheriting the estate, and most importantly, inheriting the covenant promises.

Jacob wants this birthright, and he will use any means necessary to get it. It is good to want a godly blessing, but we must not sin to get it. Jacob will take advantage of his brother's necessity to make Esau swear to a hard bargain.

Esau holds his birthright, this great blessing from God, in contempt. This is a very foolish attitude that Esau will regret too late. His desire for food is very strong, and he lets it master him, showing no self-control. Surely he can find food somewhere cheaper than at the expense of his birthright, but he wants what Jacob has made, and he wants it immediately. He thinks he is going to die, but if this is true, won't it be better to die in honour than live under a curse? The birthright is like the privilege of being part of God's covenant. Isn't it better to die, being one of God's people, than to live apart from God?

When Esau has got the food he wants he doesn't even think twice about what he has done or show any regret or repentance. He just doesn't care about his blessings, either from Isaac or from God.

Questions

1. What is a birthright?
2. Why does Esau sell his birthright for?
3. Who really valued the birthright - Esau or Jacob?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we will value the blessings that we have from God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

"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 26:4

Praise: Psalm 119:Part 12 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Tuesday - Genesis 26:1-5 - Famine

God has sent a famine to the land of Canaan. You would think that this would make many questions and doubts run through Isaac's mind. How good could this land of promise be if famines come to it and devastate it? But we don't read of Isaac questioning or doubting anything. He just holds fast to God's promises, and he is willing to go where God leads.

God directs Isaac where to go and what to do. God sends each of us the trials that best fit us, and He gives us the strength and understanding to do what is right. We can go anywhere or stay anywhere contentedly when God and His blessing is with us.

God renews with Isaac the covenant He has made with Abraham, promising Isaac the land of Canaan, many descendants, and the offspring that blesses all nations, the Messiah. It is good for us in difficult times to turn to God's Word where we can be reminded of all the promises that God has given us.

God also reminds Isaac of the good example of Abraham's obedience, and how God has blessed Abraham for it. God always blesses obedience, and parents should be a godly reminder of this to their children.

Questions

1. What does God send to Canaan?
2. Where is Isaac not to go?
3. What does God promise Isaac?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we will be content wherever God puts us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - Genesis 26:6-11 - Sins of the Fathers

Isaac obeys God by settling into Gerar, but it isn't long before he repeats his father's sin. Isaac, just like Abraham, denies his wife and calls her his sister. His fear for his own life puts Rebekah and her reputation in great danger. No matter how godly you are, you can still sin. This should warn you to be careful and encourage you that when you do fall into sin, God can make you rise again. This also teaches us that we are often tempted to imitate the sins of those we respect. We can be blind to the sins of those we love and soon incorporate them into our lives. We should always imitate Christ first before we begin to imitate others.

The Abimelech here is not the same Abimelech as the one in Abraham's time 100 years before this. Abimelech is the common name of Philistine kings just like Caesar is the common name of Roman emperors.

Abimelech catches Isaac in his lie and accuses him, pointing out Isaac's bad excuse and the danger he has brought to Abimelech. He then takes Isaac, and his family, under his protection, proving Isaac's fears groundless. From this we can learn that the truth always comes out; one sin often leads to another, sins of Christians bring shame upon God, and God protects His people.

Questions

1. What does Isaac do in Abimelech's land?
2. Who is he imitating?
3. How does God protect Rebekah?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would be careful to imitate Christ first in our lives.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

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Thursday - Genesis 26:12-25 - Envy

God blesses and prospers Isaac, making all he has do well. Even the same year as the famine is in the land the crops that Isaac plants reap a tremendous harvest. His cattle and servants also increase.

The Philistines envy Isaac. It is a sin to hate other people for having something you don't, and that is how they feel. So, they spitefully fill up the wells his father has dug. By doing this, they are breaking the covenant of friendship that they have made with Abraham. Abimelech makes Isaac leave his country when he should have asked him to stay because through the presence of a godly man, people are blessed. Isaac doesn't argue or insist upon the old treaty, but he very peaceably departs. A wise man will avoid an unnecessary quarrel.

Isaac continues to work hard to find wells of water and use them. Even though he is very rich, he still takes the time to look after his animals. He opens the wells of his father, calls them by the same name, and then he digs new wells. Here, the Philistines trouble him again, arguing with him over these wells, but Isaac just keeps moving further away out of range of their spitefulness.

Isaac is faithful in spending time with God. God reassures Isaac that He is with him. When men are unkind and break their promises, we can take comfort that God always graciously keeps His promises.

Questions

1. Why do the Philistines hate Isaac?
2. What do they do to his wells?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God has blessed other people.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

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Friday - Genesis 26:26-33 - Humble Pie

When Abimelech comes to visit Isaac with all of his advisors, Isaac must have thought, ‘What now?’ But Abimelech is paying a friendly visit. Isaac is naturally suspicious. Is this the same king who has kicked him out of his country a short time ago; the same king whose servants have been filling up all of Isaac’s wells? Abimelech has finally woke up to the fact that the Lord has been and will be blessing Isaac, so now he wants to be on the side of the good guys. It is good to be friends with those whom the Lord loves.

Abimelech says that they sent Isaac away in peace - they didn’t hurt him as they could have. Now, Abimelech wants another treaty of friendship between them.

Isaac generously entertains them and agrees to the treaty. He graciously and peacefully forgives their unkindness. God gives Isaac a new well, now, to make up for the ones he has lost.

Meanwhile, Esau marries foolishly. Why? First, he marries two wives in direct disobedience to God who has set up marriage for one man and one woman. And if that isn’t bad enough, the women he marries are Canaanites, people who don’t love and obey God. It seems to be pretty clear from this that Esau doesn’t really care about what God has to say.

Questions

1. Who comes to visit Isaac?
2. What does he want?
3. What’s wrong with Esau’s marriage?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would be peaceful people.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

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Saturday - Genesis 27:1-5 - The Will

Isaac is going to make his will and appoint Esau as his heir. The promise of the Messiah and the land of Canaan is a great trust, first given to Abraham, then to Isaac, and now Isaac is preparing to pass it on to Esau. He is going to bless Esau with all the power and honour wrapped up in that promise.

Now surely Rebekah has told Isaac about the prophecy, told to her before the boys are even born, that the older will serve the younger. But if she has, Isaac, in his love for Esau, chooses to ignore it or give it some other meaning. Interestingly, even though Isaac and Rebekah aren't happy with Esau's marriages, he still lives near to them.

Isaac knows that he is old and will soon die. He wants to set his affairs in order. We never know when our death will come, so we should be sure our lives are kept right. Isaac tells Esau to get things ready for the hearing of his last will. Esau is to go hunting, bring some venison, which his father will then eat and bless him. This will be a demonstration of Esau's love and obedience before Isaac blesses him.

Questions

1. What is Isaac getting ready to do?
2. Who will be his heir?
3. What does he want Esau to do?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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