

Isaac: Deceived to Bless Jacob

Genesis 27

Read Genesis 27:1-13.

Rebekah plotted with Jacob after Isaac plotted with Esau over the blessing.

- What did Rebekah plan to do to stop Isaac from blessing Esau?
- When are you tempted to get what you want even if it means using wrong ways to get it?

Principle: What God has promised is as good as done.

Read Genesis 27:14-29.

Jacob lied and acted deceitfully to gain God's blessing from Isaac.

- What blessing did Jacob receive even though Isaac intended to bless Esau?
- In what situation do you want to ask God to help you wait for Him to act?

Principle: What God has promised cannot be undone.

Read Genesis 27:30-46.

After Jacob's deception is revealed, Rebekah plotted his escape to avoid Esau's murderous anger over the stolen blessing.

- What was Esau's attitude and plan to deal with Jacob?
- How is regret different than repentance?

Principle: Repentance is our right response to God when we sin.

Review Genesis 27.

- How are you challenged by God and His Word in a situation you face that cannot be changed?

Main truth: God's promises cannot be undone.

Scripture Memory Verse

“Isaac trembled violently and said, ‘Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him – and indeed he will be blessed!’ ” – Genesis 27:33

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Exploring the Christian Faith

An Attribute of God

from this week's passage

Sovereign

God controls all things. There is nothing that is outside of God's wise control, even the exact time and place for each person to live. No one tells God what to do. What God plans, happens. No event, no natural disaster, no person, not even Satan, can stop God's plans. When God permits evil, we can trust He has planned to use it for His people's good and His glory. God planned the time for His Son to come to earth the first time, and He has a time for His Son to return. God will accomplish His plan because He alone has power to do it.

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A Basic Truth of the Christian Faith

What is the purpose of my life?

My purpose is to know God, love Him, enjoy Him and glorify Him.¹ God made me for Himself. I belong to God because He created me.² When I know Him, love Him, enjoy Him and glorify Him, I am truly satisfied.³

Psalm 16:11¹; Genesis 1:26-27²; 1 Peter 4:11³

Think About It

Isn't my life about knowing myself?

We cannot really know ourselves, the world or how we should live without knowing the true God. We know ourselves by looking to God, not inward. Tools work best when used for the purpose they were intended. People live best when living according to their purpose in life. People are created to enjoy God. God made all people to be like Him – in His image. He is holy, wise, creative and loving. God designed people to be in relationship with Him.

Isn't it just as important to achieve my potential, make friends and enjoy life?

True success is glorifying God in whatever He calls us to do. Our life goals will always be too small until we understand God made us for Himself. Success in school, career or marriage is important but will never completely fulfill us. Even friendship does not satisfy if we seek only to be popular and have fun with friends. Something will always be missing until we realize God made us to enjoy Him. A piece of fruit may be beautiful, but we do not enjoy it until we taste it. God invites us to taste and see His goodness (Psalm 34:8). The more time we spend getting to know God, the more we will enjoy Him and enjoy life itself.

What does it mean to glorify God?

God is glorified when His character is revealed and people understand what He is like. Everything God created reveals something about Him. The stars, mountains and fish in the sea all show God's greatness and goodness. This glorifies God. God made people to display His character. Loving people who are difficult to love; doing the right thing even when it is hard; being generous, kind, patient and forgiving – all these things please and glorify God because they express His character. God's pleasure with us gives our hearts joy.

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