

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
JANUARY 25, 2022
GENESIS 27:1FF

INTRODUCTION:

1. Nearing the end of his life, Isaac desired to bless his older son. In an act of deception conjured up their own mother, Jacob received the blessing of his father.
2. Though Esau was the firstborn, God had predetermined that the promise of Christ would be fulfilled through the lineage of Jacob. (Rom. 9.7,11-13)
 - a) Did God remove the free-will of Jacob and Esau? (Rom. 1.24,26,28; Deut. 30.19)
 - b) In His omniscience, God can work with our choices to carry out His divine plan.
3. Knowing the decisions that would be made by Jacob and Esau, God decided to fulfill His promise through Jacob.

I. THERE IS A RUSH

- A. **GENESIS 27.1:** *“Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old...”*
 1. Scholars suggest that Isaac was 137 years old. (cf. Gen. 47.9)
 2. *“...and his eyes were so dim that he could not see”* (Gen. 48.10; Ecc. 12.3)
 3. **GENESIS 27.2:** *“Then he said, ‘Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death.’”* Knowing that his death was near, he felt the urgency to bless Esau.
- B. As we age, we tend to feel an increasing urgency to reach our goals. (mid-life crisis?)
 1. At a young age, there is no urgency. Your whole life is in front of you.
 2. The blessing of age is realizing that life is short. (Ps. 103.15,16; Ecc. 9.10)
 3. Even more urgent is the goal of eternal life. (Heb. 3.13; Acts 22.16; 24.25)

II. THERE IS A REQUEST

- A. **GENESIS 27.3:** *“Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me.”*
 1. Esau was a *“skilled hunter, a man of the field.”* (Gen. 25.27)
 2. Why did Isaac want to bless Esau? (Gen. 27.4)
 - a) God revealed that Jacob would inherit the blessings of Abraham. (Gen. 25.23)
 - b) Esau disregarded the spiritual promises for immediate gratification. (Gen. 25.32-34)
 3. Yet Isaac favored Esau over Jacob.
 - a) Esau was the firstborn. (Gen. 27.1)
 - b) Jacob loved his *“savory food”* (Gen. 27.4)
- B. The blessings of God are available to everyone indiscriminately.
 1. God does not see nor judge by outer appearance. (1 Sam. 16.6,7; Gal. 3.26-29)
 2. Be careful not to offer God’s blessings with partiality. (James 2.1-4; Luke 15.1,2)

III. THERE IS A RUSE

- A. The plan.
 1. Rebekah urges Jacob to give his father food that she prepares. (Gen. 27.5-10)
 2. Why would Rebekah chose to deceive her husband? (Gen. 25.28)
- B. The problem.
 1. **GENESIS 27.11,12:** *“And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Look, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth-skinned man.”*
 2. The solution that Rebekah suggested to Jacob. (Gen. 27.13-17)
- C. The performance. (Gen. 27.18-23)