

JACOB'S BLESSING
(Genesis 26:34 – 27:40)

- I. Rebellion (Gen. 26:34 – 27:5a)
 - A. Esau's SIN (26:34-35)
 - 1. Marries TWO HITTITE women
 - 2. Implies DEFIANCE of his PARENTS
 - 3. Demonstrates DISREGARD for GOD'S WILL
 - B. Isaac's SUBTLETY (27:1-5a)
 - 1. OLD and nearly BLIND
 - 2. Told Esau he'd confer to him "the BLESSING" if he would prepare his FAVORITE MEAL
 - 3. Trying to circumvent GOD'S PRONOUNCEMENT
- II. Intervention (Gen. 27:5b-29)
 - A. Rebekah's DESPERATION (27:5b-14)
 - 1. She would prepare Esau's specialty from two young GOATS
 - 2. JACOB was to go to ISAAC to receive the BLESSING
 - 3. Jacob OBJECTS to her plan
 - 4. Rebekah INSISTED that he OBEY his MOTHER
 - B. Jacob's DECEPTION (27:15-29)

1. He wore Esau's CLOTHES
2. He wore GOAT SKIN covers for his hands and neck
3. He took the MEAT to Isaac and said, "MY FATHER"
4. Isaac became SUSPICIOUS of Jacob's "VOICE"
5. Isaac HUGS Jacob, SMELLS his clothes and FEELS his hands
6. Jacob RECEIVES the BLESSING
 - a. Promised MATERIAL PROSPERITY (v. 28)
 - b. Promised MILITARY DOMINATION (v. 29)

III. Reaction (Gen. 26:30-40)

A. Isaac's FEAR (26:30-33)

1. He had BETRAYED his father's TRUST
2. He had ATTEMPTED to THWART God's plan
3. He had nearly brought JUDGMENT upon his FAMILY
4. HE knew absolutely that JACOB would indeed be BLESSED

B. Esau's FURY (26:34-40)

1. He asked for a SECONDARY BLESSING
2. Esau accused Jacob of "SUPPLANTING" him TWICE
3. Esau's "BLESSING" is almost a CURSE

C. God's PROGRAM was SAFE