

Sermon Discussion Questions

Speaker: Dr. Stephen Burrell Topic: Genesis 27 Scripture: Genesis 27:1-46

- Briefly summarize the main points of the sermon.
- What questions do you still have from today's sermon?
- Read Genesis 27:1-17
 - What prompts Isaac to bless Esau in verses 1-4, and what does this reveal about his expectations for his sons?
 - How does Rebekah learn about Isaac's plan, and what does she decide to do? (v. 5-10)
 - What objections does Jacob raise when Rebekah tells him to deceive his father, and how does she respond? (v. 11-13)
 - How do Rebekah and Jacob carry out their plan in verses 14-17?
 - What does this passage reveal about the danger of trying to achieve God's purposes through deception or manipulation? (See Proverbs 3:5-6.)
 - How can favoritism in a family or community lead to division and mistrust? (See James 2:1-4.)
 - How should believers respond when they're tempted to take matters into their own hands instead of trusting God's timing? (See Psalm 37:7.)
- Read Genesis 27:18-29
 - How does Jacob deceive Isaac in verses 18-24, and what methods does he use to convince his father he is Esau?
 - What does Isaac's hesitation in verses 21-23 tell us about his doubts and discernment?
 - What blessing does Isaac give to Jacob in verses 27-29, and what are its main elements?
 - How does this blessing reflect God's promises originally made to Abraham?
 - How does deceit, even when "successful," create long-term consequences for relationships and personal integrity? (See Galatians 6:7-8.)
 - What can we learn from Isaac's failure to discern the truth about seeking God's guidance before making major decisions? (See Proverbs 14:12.)
 - How does God's faithfulness in keeping His covenant purposes—despite human failure—encourage us today? (See Romans 8:28.)
- Read Genesis 27:30-46
 - What is Esau's reaction when he discovers Jacob has received the blessing? (v. 34-38)
 - How does Isaac respond when he realizes he has been deceived? What does this show about the permanence of his blessing? (v. 33-37)
 - What blessing does Isaac give to Esau, and how does it differ from Jacob's? (v. 39-40)
 - How does Rebekah respond to Esau's anger, and what plan does she make for Jacob? (v. 41-46)
 - How do unresolved bitterness and anger, like Esau's, continue to cause division if not addressed? (See Hebrews 12:15-17.)
 - What can we learn from the broken relationships in this family about honesty, forgiveness, and reconciliation? (See Matthew 5:23-24.)
 - How does this passage remind us that sin—even when forgiven—often carries painful earthly consequences? (See Numbers 32:23.)