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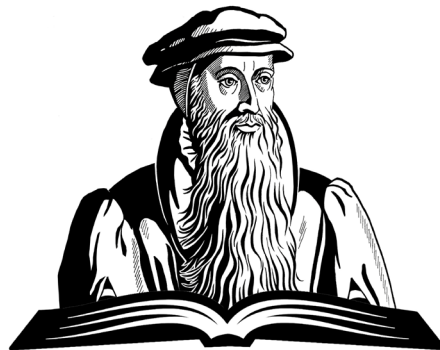
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Jacob: A Better Desire than Esau

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Lesson 19

Jacob: A Better Desire than Esau Genesis chapter 25

Memory Verse

“And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.”

Genesis 25:33

Two Very Different Brothers

They were different! Jacob and Esau were different, though they were twins. But they had much in common. They were born of the same parents. They were born at the same time. They lived in the same land. They shared the same heritage. While all this is true, they differed where it mattered most. Esau was a man of the world; Jacob was not. They are examples of two types of people in the world.

Esau: A Man of the World

Esau was a man “of the field” (Genesis 25:27). In the Bible, “the field” often refers to the world. The world is the place where people try to find their happiness, but they fail. They come away empty. Esau also came away empty. When Esau was in the field, he looked for food but found none. He came back hungry and saw that his brother had plenty to eat. Not being able to find his fill of the land, Esau was willing to sell his birthright for “bread and pottage of lentils” (Genesis 25:34).

How sad that Esau was willing to sell his birthright. What was his birthright? As the firstborn son, he would have had the right to rule over the family. He would have received a double portion of all things. He would have been the priest in the family. All these things he was willing to give up for a bowl of lentils.

Children, you too have a birthright. As covenant children, you have a rich heritage. God deals with you richly in the covenant. He has opened for you, in his Word, the way to true happiness through faith in Jesus Christ. Do not be like Esau, forsaking the riches that God has set before you for the little things that this world has to offer.

Jacob: A Better Desire

Jacob, although not a perfect man, was different than his brother. He was a “plain man” (Genesis 25:27). The world did not draw him. While he lived in this world, he had his eye set upon a

better prize. Esau did not care for the birthright. Jacob desired it. Jacob's desire was better than Esau's. What do you desire? May we contemplate the words of Jesus Christ, when he said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (Mark 8:36).

Review Questions

1. How old was Abraham when he died? _____.

- a. 79
- b. 55
- c. 310
- d. 175

2. Who buried Abraham in the cave of Machpelah?

3. What were Jacob and Esau's occupations? What were their characters? What were their feels about their parents?

	JACOB	ESAU
Their occupation		
Their character		
Their parental feelings		

Genesis 25

4. "And the _____ said unto her, _____ nations are in thy _____, and two manner of people shall be _____ from thy bowels; and the one people shall be _____ than the other people; and the _____ shall serve the _____."

5. What name was given to Esau? Why? _____

Genesis 25

6. “And _____ said, _____ me this day thy _____.
And _____ said, Behold, I am at the point to _____; and what _____
shall this _____ do to me?”

Discussion Questions

1. Historically, custom holds that the eldest son would always have the place of primary importance. For instance, it is the eldest son of kings that inherit the throne. However, in God’s words to Rebekah, we read God declaring that “the elder shall serve the younger” (Genesis 25:23). How does this show that God is sovereign of all his works?

2. How is it evident that Esau did not value the privileges that were his by birthright? How may this apply to the children of Christian parents? What lesson(s) may we learn here?

3. In Hebrews 12:16, Paul refers to Esau as a “profane” person: “Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.” What does Paul mean by calling Esau a profane person? What lesson(s) may we learn from this?

What did Paul mean? _____

Lesson(s) learned: _____

4. Relate the following text, from the Gospel of Mark, to Esau. What direction does it give to us?
“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” Mark 8:36

Relate to Esau: _____

Relate to us: _____

