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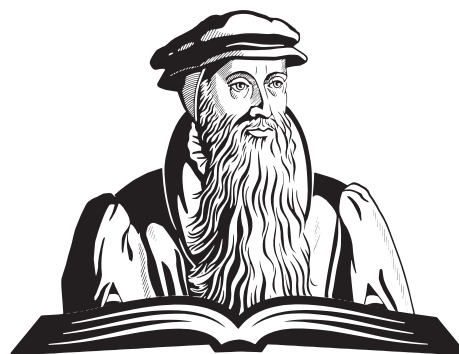
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40 LESSONS

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Lesson 20

Jacob the Deceiver

Genesis 26 – Genesis 27

Memory Verse

And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed.

Genesis 27:27

Jacob, a Deceiver, Saved by Grace

It is amazing that we read the name of Jacob in Hebrews 11 - “By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff” (Hebrews 11:21). Why is it an amazing thing? It is amazing, because when we look back at the life of Jacob, we do not find a man who walks perfectly according to the law. What we find in Genesis 27? We find a man who went to great lengths to deceive his father, Isaac, to obtain the blessing.

Rebekah, hearing about Isaac’s desire to bless Esau, conspired to deceive her husband. Informing Jacob of her plan, he has concerns, but not upright concerns. Jacob is not concerned about the deception, but of only being found out – “My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing” (Genesis 27:12). How much better it would have been if he had had God before his eyes! Then, with Joseph, he would have said, “how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9). Children, many times people avoid evil because they fear the consequences. How much better when we avoid sin because we have the honor and glory of God before our eyes.

How is it that God could look mercifully upon a person like Jacob? It was possible because a man is not considered righteous before God by works. If God looked for a person who was righteous in himself, He would find none. Thankfully, the salvation of God is not predicated upon works, but is received by faith and that because of grace.

Christ: The Christian’s Righteousness

Although Jacob received the blessing through deception, in this narrative is revealed the way a sinner receives the blessing of God through Jesus Christ. Let us consider the following:

- 1) If Jacob had come before his father as he was, he would never have received a blessing. Jacob acknowledged as much, when he said, if he was known to be Jacob, he would have received a “curse.”
 - All mankind came under the curse of the law when our covenant head Adam fell.
- 2) Before Isaac would bless, he required that an animal be slain.
 - Jesus Christ died the death of the cross to satisfy the just demands of God’s law.
- 3) In order to be blessed, Jacob must come in the appearance of Esau. In order to affect this, he covered himself with the skins of the flock. Isaac, touching and smelling his son, is satisfied.
 - The favor of God is obtainable only through the righteousness of Jesus Christ. When a repenting sinner turns to God, by faith, God sees that sinner not as he is, but He sees him through His Son.
- 4) Isaac smelled Jacob and was satisfied.
 - Jesus Christ, “who is even at the right hand of God, ...maketh intercession for us” (Romans 8:34). When Christ intercedes, on behalf of a sinner, before His Father, the Father is satisfied.

Questions

1. Genesis 26 opens with a famine in the land. During this famine Isaac went to the _____ unto Gerar.
 - a. Mesopotamia
 - b. Gerar
 - c. Hierapolis
 - d. Egypt
2. What promise does God make to Isaac in Genesis 26:3-4?

3. What similar sin did Isaac commit, which Abraham, his father, committed in Egypt?

4. All of the following wells were dug by Isaac, except
 - a. Shebah
 - b. Sitnah
 - c. Esek
 - d. Elim
 - e. Rehoboth
5. Which of the following was not a wife of Esau?
 - a. Bashemath
 - b. Abishag
 - c. Judith

6. As Isaac neared his death, what did he request of his son Esau? Why?

7. List the things that Jacob did to deceive his father in order to get the blessing.

8. Upon learning that Esau planned to kill him, Jacob fled to _____.

- a. Luz
- b. Haran
- c. Egypt
- d. Joppa

Discussion Questions

1. In Gerar, Isaac dug several wells. Several times the herdmen of Gerar claimed the wells for themselves. What was Isaac's reaction? How may Isaac's reaction be an example for us?

2. How did Esau grieve Isaac and Rebekah? Why do you think this grieved them?

3. We are told in Genesis 27:27 that Isaac smelled Jacob, and Isaac, being appeased with the odor, blessed Jacob. Paul, in Ephesians 5:2 says, "walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor." Looking at Ephesians 5:2, explain how the events in Genesis 27 represent the blessing of God toward an undeserving sinner.
