**Family Secrets – Gen 27:38**

*Esau said to his father, do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father. So, Esau lifted up his voice and wept*

**Focal Truth: Esau was a bitter, unrepentant, sinful son who expected the family blessing**

**Observations**

1. **Jacob deceived his father to receive the family blessing – 27:24**

*And Isaac said to Jacob are you really my son Esau? And he said, I am*

**Gods promised will is revealed to Rebekah - the blessing of God is given through Isaac**

1. God revealed to Rebekah that Jacob the younger was the blessed one not Esau 25:23

*Two nations are in your womb; and two peoples will be separated from your body; and one people shall be stronger than the other; and the older shall serve the younger*

1. Isaac blessed Jacob with the first - born blessing – 27:28 -29

*Now may God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and an abundance of grain and new wine; may peoples serve you. And nations bow down to you; be master of your brothers, and may your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, and blessed be those who bless you*

1. God blesses Jacob the deceiver with the family blessing – **God’s will is accomplished despite human interference & sin**

**Consider**

1. **God’s will is not man’s will – Gods blessing is on the younger – not the older**

Cain is cursed but Shem in place of Abel is blessed

Ismael is rejected but Isaac is blessed

Esau is rejected but Jacob is blessed

Joseph’s brothers are rejected but Joseph is blessed

Manasseh is rejected but Ephraim is blessed

48:19 – t*he younger brother shall be greater than he…*Jacob says to Joseph

1. God’s grace is seen in the order of blessing – the undeserved are blessed!

*For by grace are you saved and that not of yourself it is the gift of God –* Eph 2:8

1. **Esau learns that his father blessed Jacob with the family blessing – 27:33 – 35**
2. Isaac tells Esau that his blessing on Jacob cannot be removed – 27:33 – “He shall be blessed”
3. Esau cries bitterly for the family blessing that he had sold & despised – 27:24

*Bless me, even me also, O my father?*

1. Esau bitterly despises & blames Jacob for his loss of the family blessing – 27:36

*Is he not rightly named Jacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birthright, and behold now he has taken away my blessing. He said, have you not reserved a blessing for me?*

1. **Esau begged his father for the family blessing for sinful selfish reasons – 27:38**
2. Esau **expected to blessed** even though he lived in open sinful rebellion - 27:36

***Have you not reserved a blessing for me?***

1. Esau desired the blessing because Jacob had been blessed
2. Esau was living in sinful rebellion when he asked for the family blessing – 26:34

**Consider**

1. Unsaved sinners believe God should bless them even in their sin!
2. Unsaved sinners live in false assurance that God will save them even while living in their sinfulness!
3. **Esau begged his father for the family blessing without repentance for his past sin**

**27:38**

***Have you not reserved a blessing for me?***

*For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears*

Heb. 12:17

1. Esau never confessed to his father that he sold his birthright when he was a teenager
2. Esau sold his birthright to his brother – he did not care about the family blessing yet **now he wants the blessing – have you no blessing for me**
3. Esau demonstrated a sorrow of the world for his loss of the birthright not godly sorrow
4. Isaac blesses Esau but with a blessing of consequences for his sinfulness - 27:39 -40

*By your sword you shall live, and your brother you shall serve; but it shall come about when you become restless, that you will break his yoke from your neck*

1. Esau lived in bitter resentment & hatred of his blessed brother Jacob – 27:41

*So Esau bore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him*

**Consider**

1. Sorrow of the world does not lead to repentance but death

2 Cor. 7:10 – *sorrow of the world produces death – sorrow for consequences of sin*

1. Sorrow of the world is regret for sin not repentance of sin
2. Godly sorrow for sin leads to repentance

2 Cor. 7 10 – 11 – *for the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret leading to salvation…what earnestness this godly sorrow has produced in you, what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong. In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.*

**Things to Remember and Do**

1. The blessing of salvation in Jesus Christ is for everyone – in every family who repents and believes in the Lord Jesus ChristGal. 3:14 – *in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith*
2. Salvation blessings in Jesus Christ produce family blessings!

Eph. 1:3 – *blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ*

1. *Unrepentant sinners like Esau - live under the wrath of God without the blessing of salvation in Christ!*
2. *Secret sins embitters & corrupts the mind; they spread like poison in a family!*
3. Family life is a blessed when Jesus Christ is the Lord & Savior of all

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**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**