

Genesis 27  
“A Divided House”

~LET'S PRAY~

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled this message: **“A Divided House.”**

(Matt. 12:25) NLT

*“Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed.  
A town or a family splintered by feuding will fall apart.”*

~INTRO~

OK...

- As we start our study of Genesis... let's remember the big picture.

GOD HAS A SPECIFIC PLAN...

- He's unfolding it... WITH specific characters – *“The Patriarchs.”*

AND IN...

- (Gen. 12 – 50) the storyline focuses on four main characters:

- 1) Abraham (Ishmael & Isaac)
- 2) Isaac (Esau & Jacob)
- 3) Jacob (had the 12-sons & Joseph was chosen)
- 4) Joseph (300 years later... the story picks up with Moses at Exodus)

NOW... TODAY'S STUDY...

- We begin to see Isaac fading and Jacob coming on the scene.
  - This was the younger son chosen by God.
    - Not the older son Esau.
- And this is where we pick up today.
  - The younger brother (Jacob) tricking his father...
    - And stealing his brothers natural blessing.

**BIG IDEA – JACOB STEALS THE BLESSING:** (Gen. 27:1-46)

READ (vv.1-13)

THE STORY OPENS...

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- With the scene of an aging man (Isaac) who is 137-years old.
  - He was the same age as when his older brother Ishmael died.
    - [\(Gen. 25:17\) NKJV](#).

FLIP TO [\(Ecc. 12:1-5\) NKJV](#)

- The Bible encourages us to seek the Lord early in life...
  - Before we become jaded, and life becomes difficult...
    - Because of health issues & a dying body.

ON THE OTHER HAND...

- The psalmist gives us a godly perspective [\(92:12-15\) NKJV](#).
  - About how God keeps His own fruitful in old age.

OLD PEOPLE CAN BE A BLESSING...

- Or bitter depending on how they handle the pains in life.
- Esau had married two wives...
  - And they were a “*grief of mind*” [\(Gen. 26:35\) NKJV](#)
    - To Isaac & Rebekah.
- Isaac was a 100-years old at that point [\(Gen. 25:26\)](#)

NOW... ALMOST 40-YRS. PASSES... AND...

- Isaac believes he is dying and calls for his oldest son – Esau.
  - He wanted to have one last good meal...
    - And pass off an inheritance to him.

IN A CASUAL READING WE CAN OVERLOOK...

- That this is a huge lapse of faith by Isaac.

GOD HAD ALREADY MADE HIS PLAN KNOWN...

- [\(Gen. 25:23\) NKJV](#)
  - We also read it in the NT [\(Rom. 9:10-13\) NKJV](#).

HERE'S THE PROBLEM...

- [\(Gen. 25:28\) NKJV](#)
  - Favorite kids – man's preferences squeezed out Gods will.

THIS IS WHY IT'S IMPORTANT...

- To continually draw direction from the word of God.

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➤ [c.p. \(Matt. 2\)](#) God spoke to Joseph in 4 different dreams.  
○ Leading the seasons and steps of his life.

[IN \(Gen. 25:34\) NKJV – “Esau despised his birthright”](#)

- Esau did not have signs of faith in his life.  
➤ He was a carnal man concerned only with temporary things.

AND... IF WE CAN GRASP THE SCENE...

- We often expect... that age brings maturity!  
➤ BUT... these guys (Jacob & Esau) were 77-years old here.  
○ And their rivalry was only getting worse!

PRACTICALLY SPEAKING...

- Sometimes God separates us from our natural families...  
➤ Because He's developing us.  
○ And we can miss it in the moment.
- Maybe your family harasses you for your faith in Jesus.  
➤ Yet... God uses these things to test & strengthen our faith.  
○ [\(Matt. 10:33-40\) NKJV.](#)

NOW NOTICE WITH ME...

- How the family drama rolled on with Jacob's lying to his dad...  
➤ [\(v.19-a\)](#) first lie  
➤ [\(v.19-b\)](#) second lie  
➤ [\(v.20\)](#) third lie  
➤ [\(v.24\)](#) fourth lie

[\(vv.27-29\)](#) Jacob deceived his dad (Isaac).

THE BIBLE SAYS...

[\(Gal. 6:7\) NKJV](#)

*“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;  
for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”*

AND LATER... [\(Gen. 29:23-25\)...](#)

- Uncle Laban deceived Jacob and gave him...  
➤ His daughter Leah instead of Rachel.

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FINALLY...

- The chapter ends at the height of drama with...
  - Esau wanting to kill Jacob.
    - READ [\(Gen. 27:41-44\)](#).

(v.44) “... *stay with him a few days...*”

- Twenty years went by before Jacob returned home...
  - [\(Gen. 31:41\) NKJV](#)
    - To deal with the past problems – he's 97-yrs old.

~ IN CLOSING ~

AS WE LOOK AHEAD...

- We're going to see Jacob wrestle with God...
  - As his past catches up with him...
    - And he's faced with the conflict between FAITH & FEAR.

A COMMON EXPERIENCE...

- For all of us.

Listen... if you need prayer tonight...

- Come to the front of the stage where we can serve you.