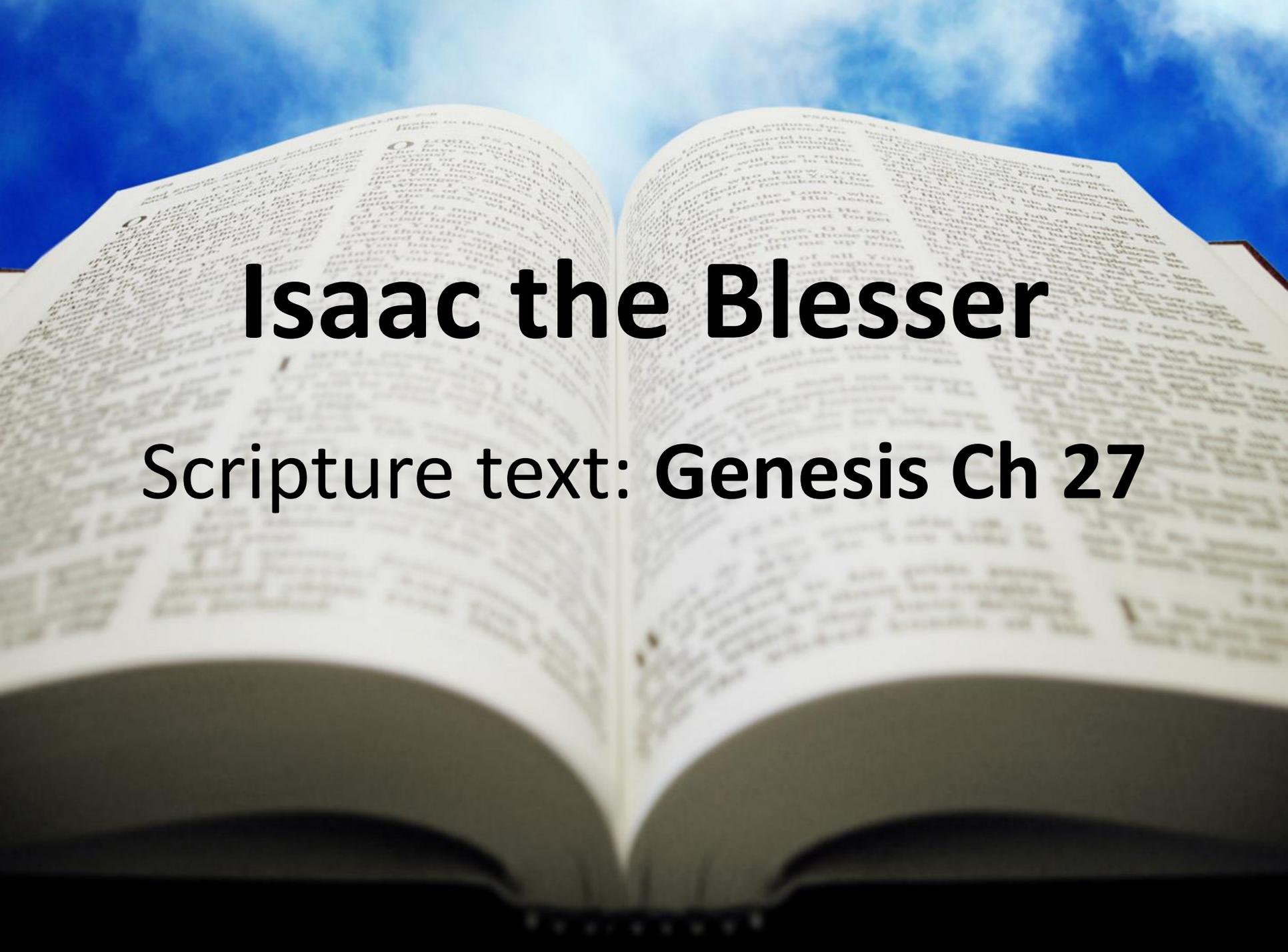


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Isaac the Blessor

Scripture text: **Genesis Ch 27**

Isaac the Blessor (Genesis 27)

Sad to say, **this chapter depicts the whole family in a bad way spiritually.** In 25:28 we saw the **division of the home**, and now we will see **the sinful results of this carnal division.**

Genesis 25:23 And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you **shall be divided**; the one shall be stronger than the other, the **older shall serve the younger.**"

Genesis 25:28 Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his **game**, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 27:1-4 When Isaac was old and **his eyes were dim** so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." He said, "**Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death.** Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, **that my soul may bless you before I die.**"

A declining father.

Isaac was more than a **100 years old** at this point and he acted as though he would die very soon. Actually, he lived to be 180 (35:28). His impatience to give Esau the blessing **suggests that he was following his own carnal plans, not God's will**. Had he forgotten the Word in 25:23, or was he trying to change God's plan?

Note how he depended on his senses (feeling, eating, smelling). Note also that **feeding the body took priority over doing God's will**. Isaac at one time laid himself on the altar and was willing to die for the Lord. **What a change!**

Galatians 2:11-14 But when Cephas came to Antioch, **I opposed him to his face**, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and **separated himself, fearing the circumcision party**. And the rest of the Jews **acted hypocritically** along with him, so that even Barnabas was **led astray by their hypocrisy**. But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, **how can you force** the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

No matter who you are, no matter how long you have been saved, **everyday must be a choice to served the Lord.**

Everyday, you must strive to learn and grow in the knowledge of Almighty God, enjoying the relationship, growing closer and more in love! If you stop striving, if you become content, as if you have arrived, you open yourself up to all kinds of trouble! Keep you prayer life alive! **Communication is key!**

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

A doubting mother.

Rebekah had been told by God **that Jacob would receive God's blessing**, yet she schemed and plotted to make sure that Esau was left out. **Instead of going to God in prayer as she had years before, she depended on her own plans**, a practice that would be characteristic of Jacob in later years. **Rebekah paid dearly for her sin: she never saw her son again** (see vv. 43–45). **Esau deliberately acted to hurt her; and her bad example before Jacob cost him twenty years of trial.**

Genesis 27:43-46 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice. Arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran and **stay with him a while, until your brother's fury turns away**--until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there.

Why should I be bereft of you both in one day?"

Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "**I loathe my life** because of the Hittite women. If Jacob marries one of the Hittite women like these, one of the women of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

A deceiving son.

Certainly Jacob knew God's promise for his life, **yet he listened to his mother instead of to God**. How the two of them hurried to finish the plot! "Whoever believes will not act hastily" (Isa. 28:16). Rebekah must have been a good cook to be able to make goat's meat taste like venison. **Jacob is a perfect picture of the hypocrite**: his voice and his hands do not agree (what he says and what he does), and **he deceives others**. In v. 19 alone, Jacob tells his father three lies: "I am Esau" (he was Jacob); "I have done" (his mother did it all); "eat of my venison" (it was goat's meat).

Genesis 27:9-13 Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies." But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "**Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing.**" His mother said to him, "**Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.**"

Genesis 27:19-20 Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me." But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "**Because the LORD your God granted me success.**"

Genesis 27:23-24 And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. He said, "**Are you really my son Esau?**" He answered, "I am."

And look at him in verse 20, willing **even to take the name of the Lord on his lips to make his lies sound feasible. What a dastardly character!** But he was not unlike many even in the churches of our day. **Here is a young person hiding the truth from her parents.** There is a fellow selling his car but not telling the whole truth about its collision history. Here is a businessman, working in a highly religious region and becoming tied to the local church because **“it’s good business.”** There is no shortage of Jacobs in our day. And they are no less repugnant.

Jacob the con man - Jacob's scheming actually began in Genesis 25:31. **He took advantage of his brother's foolishness and stole his birthright.** Jacob was an **opportunist**, not unlike those who run the lotteries, casinos, and pawn shops of our day. **He had no scruples about taking advantage of someone's foolishness or desperation and sucking the life out of him or her.**

Genesis 25:30-32 And Esau said to Jacob, "**Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!**"

(Therefore his name was called Edom.) Jacob said, "**Sell me your birthright now.**" Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"

And his kiss in v. 27 was equally as deceitful.

Genesis 27:27 So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said, "See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed!

Did Jacob pay for this sin? Yes, many times. Laban deceived him about his wives and repeatedly changed his wages. In addition, Jacob's own sons would one day kill a kid (37:31) and put its blood on Joseph's coat to deceive their father. **"Be sure your sin will find you out"** (Num. 32:23).

Genesis 37:29-33 When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes and returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?" **Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood.** And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, **"This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not."** And he identified it and said, **"It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces."**

Numbers 32:20-23 So Moses said to them, "If you will do this, if you will take up arms to go before the LORD for the war, and every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before the LORD, **until he has driven out his enemies from before him and the land is subdued before the LORD**; then after that you shall return and be free of obligation to the LORD and to Israel, and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. **But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.**

A despairing brother.

Hebrews 12:17 indicates that **Esau sought the blessing with tears, yet found no place for real repentance for his sins. Remorse, yes, but not sincere repentance.** He was sorry for what he had lost, **not sorry for what he had done.** In v. 33, **Isaac trembled when he realized that God had overruled his plans.** Esau's tears could not change Isaac's mind or alter the blessing. **Esau retaliated by plotting to murder his brother,** and he deliberately hurt his parents by **stirring up trouble** with his marriage to heathen wives. **The grace of God did not fail, but Esau failed the grace of God.**

Hebrews 12:14-17 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

Sin in the home always brings heartache and misunderstanding.

Had Isaac and Rebekah not “**taken sides**” with their two boys; **had they continued to pray** about matters as in their early married life; **had they allowed God to have His way**; then affairs would have been different. As it was, **all of them suffered because of their unbelief and disobedience. We never get too old to be tempted—or to fail!**

Did Jacob actually receive the blessing from Isaac his father?

Why or why not?

Can you be blessed being someone else?

Did Jacob receive his inheritance from Isaac or from God Almighty?

Genesis 32:24-28 And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "**I will not let you go unless you bless me.**" And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "**Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.**"

Revelation 2:16-17 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. **He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.** To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

Ephesian 1:11-14 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.