

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR APRIL 6

JACOB AND ESAU.

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 27:24-34.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Jehovah is a God of Judgment; blessed are all they that wait for him." Isa. 20:18.

Jacob is one of the great figures presented to us in the book of Genesis. His birth and purchase of the birthright are recorded in Chapter 25, and in chapter 27 we have presented his great sin.

It is absolutely necessary to read carefully all of this chapter before we can properly present this lesson. Moses did not record Jacob's deception because he commended it, but rather as a warning to all who read and ponder thereon. The Bible spreads before us the sins of God's people as well as their virtues, which ought to be a comforting thought to us all, who are sinners "saved by grace."

I. The Deceit, vv. 22-29. Lying, duplicity, profanity, and compounded felony, are presented in the preliminary verses to that section selected for our study. Jacob's conscience rebelled (v. 12), yet he gladly listened to the voice of his unwise mother who thought she knew best how to circumvent God's will; see ch. 25:23, 25, 28. This mother's foolish ambition and teaching had developed a self-seeking, deceitful son. By nature Jacob was unlovely and the greatest lesson we can learn from his life is that he, a "cheater," should by the grace of God be transformed into "Israel," a prince, he that hath power with God.

A Rough Man.

We first have presented the temperamental difference between these two brothers, then the story of the birthright, and lastly the stolen blessing. Esau was a rough man of the chase, cunning, clever and skillful as a hunter. Jacob was a plain man, viz., one who inclined to the conventionalities. He loved a settled, quiet home life, for he "dwelt in tents." Again when we consider the episode of the birthright we have set before us another illustration of the great contrast of these brothers. We do not value birthrights as do the Orientals, and further, we must remember this is the story of God's development of a chosen race. Esau, mastered by his appetite, governed by selfish instincts, gladly and flippantly spurns—"despised"—his right. He denied his responsibility to the future of that race of whom Abraham was the first, and virtually said that nothing was of value that did not serve this present lifetime. Jacob, on the other hand, estimated this birthright at its supreme value, as of the highest importance.

From Bad Stock.

Subject as Jacob was to the rule of a seeking, scheming, mother, yet we must remember that she, too, was actuated by the same high estimate of the value and the importance of the birthright. Her mean manner of seeking to accomplish her purpose did not succeed, but, in fact, delayed the desired end for Jacob had to fly for his life. Let us look at Rebekah. She came from the same stock as Laban, who was a fraud, a cheat, and a liar. She taught her son to follow those same methods and had to smart for it, for she lost his companionship through long years, and never saw him again. Is it ever right to do wrong? God's word tells us no, see Rom. 3:8. Rebekah was more concerned with her partiality than with the purposes of God (Ch. 25:28). Jacob's conscience was aroused as we see from v. 12, though it was probably not so much fear of the error of the act, but rather fear of being caught.

God would in his way and in his own time have given Jacob the promised blessing without the aid of his deceit. As it was Jacob engendered his brother's hatred, was separated from his home and endured multiplied suffering.

II. Esau's Sorrow, vv. 30-34. Esau had sold his birthright and sought to regain it. Now he is too late to secure the blessing that should accompany his birthright. The brothers bartered for the birthright. One brother secured the blessing and with it, banishment. The other brother lost both birthright and blessing and gave vent to a bitter cry. (Heb. 12:17.) Esau was himself to blame. What a wrecked home partiality and deceit brought forth. Rebekah's anticipation (v. 45) was never fulfilled and her conduct with that of Jacob well deserves the censure and the punishment inflicted.

Because the Bible records no word of censure some have asserted that God approved of Jacob's course. Even a casual reading of his life, of its delays, its disappointments and its misfortunes, reveals God's vindication of the moral law and that retribution follows wrong. As much as we sympathize with Esau we are compelled to acknowledge that Jacob was the better man of the two. He was tenacious, self-reliant, constant in his affections, devoted to the covenant of God and sensitive to spiritual influences. Esau was impulsive and shallow.

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