

## Genesis 27 Bible Devotions

### ☐ Monday - The Unbreakable Will of God.

Genesis 27

God's pronouncement of blessing upon Jacob over Esau before the twins' birth (Gen. 25:23) was perfectly accomplished, despite their father's attempt to reverse it. Family favoritism (Gen. 25:28), secret meetings (Gen. 27:1-4), conspiracy (Gen. 27:5-17), and outright lies (Gen. 27:19, 20, 24) of Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau could not thwart God's will from being accomplished.

Read Job 42:2, Psalm 103:19, Isaiah 46:9-10

### ☐ Tuesday - Crafty to the Crafty.

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In what was normally done in a family gathering (Gen. 49), Isaac schemed to privately bestow His blessing upon Esau (Gen. 27:1-4), contrary to God's stated purpose (Gen. 25:23). Yet by her own deceitful scheming, Rebekah outmaneuvered Isaac and subverted his plan. "With the kind Thou dost show Thyself kind; with the blameless Thou dost show Thyself blameless; with the pure Thou dost show Thyself pure; and with the [crafty] Thou dost show Thyself [crafty]" (Psa. 18:25). God shows Himself to each individual according to his character" (Spurgeon). God often deals with us as we deal with others, that we may taste the fruit of our own actions.

Read Galatians 6:7-9

### ☐ Wednesday - An Open Book.

Genesis 27

Isaac's attempt to privately promote Esau, and Jacob's secret disguise ended in heartache for all. Secret motives, hidden agendas, and words whispered in private will ruin a life, a family, or a church. Let those who call themselves "Christians" walk just as Christ walked in the integrity of his heart. "He has shown thee, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

Read Psalm 90:8, Luke 12:2-3

### ☐ Thursday - Bold Submission.

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Isaac was clearly wrong in conspiring to give Esau the blessing God had chosen for Jacob. Someone may ask then, "What else could Rebekah have done but deceive Isaac into giving Jacob his blessing?" Friend, we are not to overcome evil with evil, but rather overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21). Rebekah should have confronted her husband with God's Word (Gen. 25:23). Submission to authority never includes silence toward evil. We are to "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15), even to those in authority over us (Acts 16:35-40). Again, someone may ask, "But how would that have worked in Rebekah's case?" Well now, how does God's sovereignty work? I don't know, but it always does! A good outcome never justifies ungodly means.

Read Ephesians 5:21-24

### ☐ Friday - Count the Cost.

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Sin separates us from God (Isa. 59:2) and from one another (Prov. 16:28). Though Rebekah and Jacob's deception had won Isaac's blessing for Jacob, Rebekah would never see Jacob again after that day (Gen. 28:10). Consider the consequences of your actions, Christian; and whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31