

Jacob Receives the Blessing

Genesis 25:19-34, 27:1-40

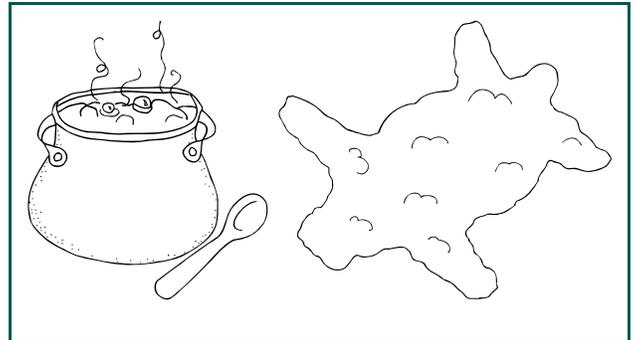
This is a drawing of stew and goat skin.

They will both be misused in the lesson today.

Listen carefully to see how all four people of this family needed to remember that God's will shall and will be done.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Thy Spirit send with grace divine,
And let Thy truth within us shine. Amen



The Story - Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-40

This is the genealogy of Isaac, Abraham's son.

Abraham begot Isaac. {20} Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian.

{21} Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. {22} But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

{23} And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."

{24} So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were

twins in her womb. {25} And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau. {26} Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

{27} So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents. {28} And Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

{29} Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. {30} And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary." Therefore his name was called Edom.

{31} But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."



{32} And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?"

{33} Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

{34} And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way.

Thus Esau despised his birthright.

{1} Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son."

And he answered him, "Here I am."

{2} Then he said, "Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death.

{3} "Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me. {4} "And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

{5} Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt game and to bring it. {6} So Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, "Indeed I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying, {7} 'Bring me game and make savory food for me, that I may eat it and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.' {8} "Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to what I command you. {9} "Go now to the flock and bring me from there two choice kids of the goats, and I will make savory food from them for your father, such as he loves. {10} "Then you shall take it to your father, that he may eat it, and that he may bless you before his death."

{11} And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Look, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth-skinned man.

{12} "Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and I shall bring a curse on myself and not a blessing."

{13} But his mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get them for me."

{14} And he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and his mother made savory food, such as his father loved. {15} Then Rebekah took the choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. {16} And she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. {17} Then she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

{18} So he went to his father and said, "My father."

And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?"

{19} Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me."

{20} But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?"

And he said, "Because the LORD your God brought it to me."

{21} Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not."

{22} So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are

the hands of Esau." {23} And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. {24} Then he said, "Are you really my son Esau?"

He said, "I am."

{25} He said, "Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's game, so that my soul may bless you."

So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank. {26} Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near now and kiss me, my son."

{27} And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said: "Surely, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed. {28} Therefore may God give you Of the dew of heaven, Of the fatness of the earth, And plenty of grain and wine. {29} Let peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you. Be master over your brethren, And let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, And blessed be those who bless you!"

{30} Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. {31} He also had made savory food, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that your soul may bless me."

{32} And his father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?"

So he said, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau."

{33} Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, "Who? Where is the one who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it before you came, and I have blessed him; and indeed he shall be blessed."

{34} When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me; me also, O my father!"

{35} But he said, "Your brother came with deceit and has taken away your blessing."

{36} And Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!" And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

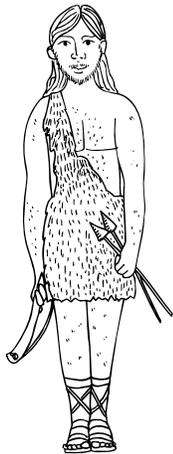
{37} Then Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Indeed I have made him your master, and all his brethren I have given to him as servants; with grain and wine I have sustained him. What shall I do now for you, my son?"

{38} And Esau said to his father, "Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me; me also, O my father!" And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

{39} Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: "Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth, And of the dew of heaven from above. {40} By your sword you shall live, And you shall serve your brother; And it shall come to pass, when you become restless, That you shall break his yoke from your neck."

Outer Aim - It was the LORD's will that Jacob was given the blessing that the Savior was to come from his family.

What the Story Tells Us - Decide if the words apply to Esau or Jacob. Write the letter under the correct name.



Esau

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| A. first born | H. loved by Isaac |
| B. second born | I. loved by Rebekah |
| C. shepherd | J. chosen by God to be Jesus' ancestor |
| D. hunter | K. holding brother's heel |
| E. hairy red | |
| F. stayed by tents | |
| G. liked outdoors | |



Jacob

What the Bible Tells Us - Put these sentences in the order they happened in the lesson. Use the numbers 1 through 5.

- _____ Rebekah helped Jacob prepare food and dress like Esau.
- _____ Esau came in to Isaac and realized Jacob now had the blessing and birthright.
- _____ Isaac told Esau to hunt food and come back for the blessing.
- _____ Jacob went into Isaac dressed like Esau and received the blessing.
- _____ Rebekah overheard Isaac tell Esau to come for the blessing.

Your Turn - List the blessings Jacob received. Now list a few of the blessings you have received from God. Be sure to list the important ones first.

Jacob's Blessings:

My Blessings:

Inner Aim It is God's will that we receive earthly blessings and eternal salvation through Jesus.

Passages

James 1:14 - Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires.

1 John 3:15 - Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

God's good and gracious will is certainly done without our prayer,
but we pray in this petition that it be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and stops every evil will and plan of those who do not want us to hallow His name or let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, of the world, and of our own flesh. His will is also done when He gives us strength and keeps us firm in His Word and in faith for as long as we live. This is God's good and gracious will.

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Hymn - TLH #418 v. 1, 2, 8

My God, my Father, while I stray
Far from my home on life's rough way,
Oh, teach me from my heart to say,
"Thy will be done."

Tho' dark my path and sad my lot,
Let me be still and murmur not
Or breathe the prayer divinely taught,
"Thy will be done."

Then, when on earth I breathe no more,
The prayer, oft mixed with tears before,
I'll sing upon a happier shore,
"Thy will be done."

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank You for helping us learn the lesson today. Help us to believe and trust that Your will be done. We know it is Your will that all people be saved because of Your Son, Jesus', death on the cross. Help us to spread that saving message to our friends, family and neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.