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Esau Forsakes God's Blessing

Genesis 25:18~34, 27:1~40

Isaac and Rebekah had no children for a long time. So Isaac prayed to God, and Rebekah became pregnant with twins. However, the babies were fighting with each other while they were in her womb. Rebekah, surprised about this, asked God. He answered,

“The older will serve the younger.”

The twins were born, but the body of the first was red, so they called his name ‘Esau’. The second one came out holding onto the heel of his brother's foot, so they called him ‘Jacob’. Esau liked hunting, while Jacob liked quietly staying in the house. Their father Isaac loved Esau, whereas their mother Rebekah loved Jacob. One day, Esau returned from hunting and was very hungry. Jacob was cooking some stew, so Esau asked him for some of the stew.





"I'm so hungry I'm going to die! Jacob, let me have some of that stew you're cooking."

"Sell me your *birthright. Then I'll let you eat some red stew."

"I'm about to starve to death; what good is this birthright?"

Here, Jacob. Take it."

Esau sold his birthright to eat some red stew. It was that he thought lightly of his birthright.

When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau to bless him before he died, saying,

"Go hunting and make some tasty food for me, so that I may bless you."

Esau left to hunt, and Rebekah, who overheard Isaac, called Jacob.

*Birthright (of the Firstborn): the right to receive twice as much of the heritage that the second son can receive.

In addition, it's a right to receive God's blessing.

lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

Hebrews 12:16



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Esau left to hunt, and Rebekah, who overheard Isaac, called Jacob.

“If you bring me good, young goats, I will make some tasty food, so receive your father’s blessing instead of Esau.”

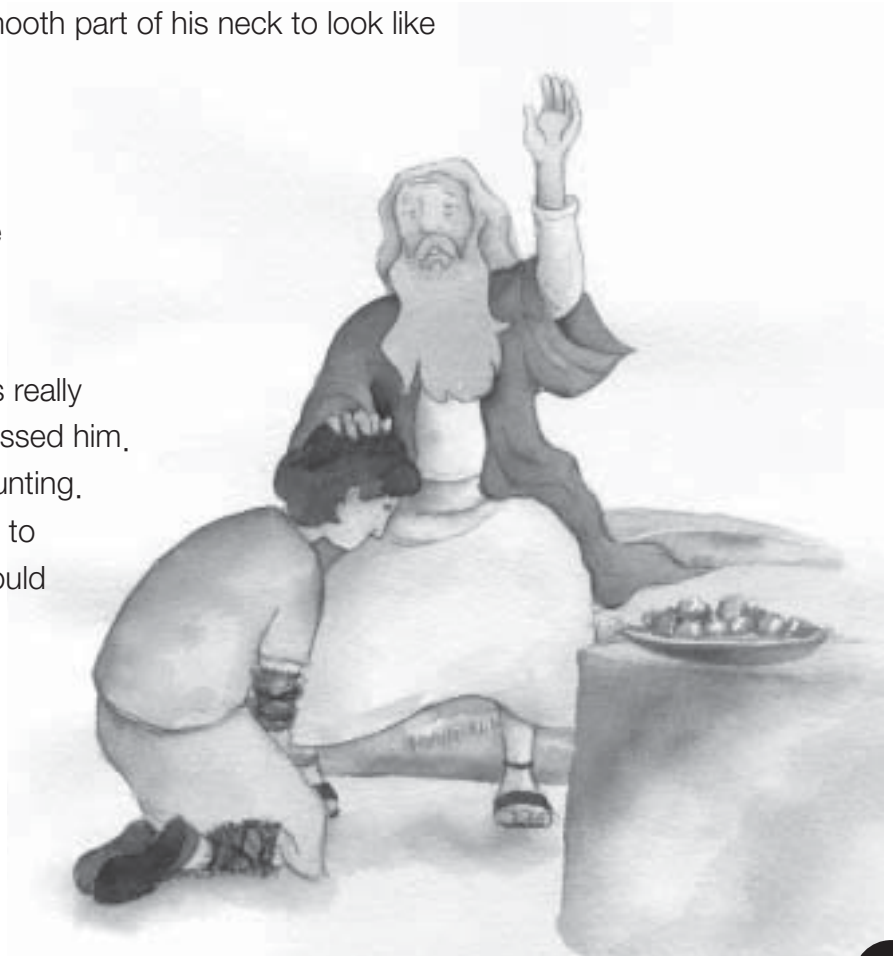
Jacob listened to his mother and went to his father wearing the skins of goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck to look like Esau.

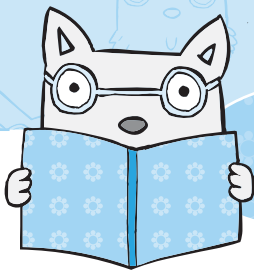
“Father, I am Esau, your firstborn.”

“The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.”

Isaac did not recognize that it was really Jacob, so he ate the food and blessed him. Afterwards, Esau returned from hunting.

Weeping, Esau begged his father to bless him. But in the end, Esau could not receive a blessing.





Today's Study

Esau, Who Sold His Birthright

1. Which was more important to Esau between the birthright and the red stew?

2. Esau couldn't be blessed because he despised his birthright. Please write down what you want to say to Esau.

lest there be any [redacted] or [redacted] person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold [redacted] [redacted]. (Hebrews 12:16)

The One Who Gave Peace

1. What did Jacob wear when he went to his father to be blessed?

2. A sinner like us can't go to God. However, there is the way we can be saved and get an eternal blessing. What is it?



Today's Lesson

Important Thing

Esau considered the thing that was able to make his stomach full right at the moment, the red stew, more important than receiving the precious blessing.

1. From the list below, write down the things that you think are important on one side of the balance and the things you think are unimportant on the other side.

Examples

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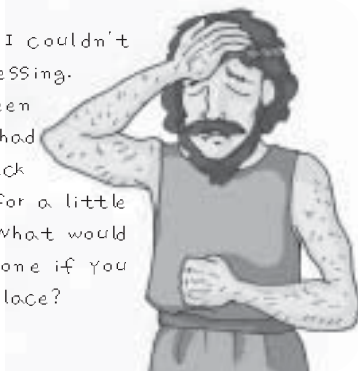


2. Circle the things on the balance that God considers as important.

3. Are the things that God sees as important also important to you? If not, you'll have some big regrets just like Esau.

After reading what Esau wants to tell you below, write down a pledge (promise) to God.

I'm So Sad I couldn't receive a blessing. I would've been blessed if I had just held back my hunger for a little while, but...what would you have done if you were in my place?



My Pledge



There's Nothing More Precious than Jesus

One day, there was a salary man named David working at an insurance company. But because of the bad economy at the time, companies had no money and were all having difficulties.

One Sunday morning, David sat down in front of the piano to play a song. But he wasn't feeling very good because of the problems in his company. While he was sitting in front of the piano, he found a small piece of paper saying, here's nothing more precious than Jesus; "I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold. "It was a poem that his mother wrote for him, seeing as how sad he was. His mother wanted him to see Jesus as a precious part of his life. David was very moved after reading the poem, and so he added music to it and made it a hymn. That hymn is the one on page 102, "I'd Rather Have Jesus". Truly, there is nothing more precious than Jesus when we live our lives.

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