

"Rebekah and Jacob's Deception"

Genesis 27:1-28:9

26:34-35 - A brief peek into the ungodly character of Esau and the possible route of the people of God if led by Him.

Intro: What brought disorder, disfunction, disregard, disrespect, disobedience, and division into Isaac and Rebekah's household? (The characteristics and spiritual climate of their household.)

1. **Isaac's disregard for God's Word.** (27:1-4) [see 25:23]

- A. As the spiritual leaders of our households, men must hold firmly to the Word of God without compromise. (1 Corinthians 11:3)
 - I. Isaac chose his will over God's.
- B. There is a order and design for the family structure and deviation from causes disorder, disunity, and spiritual danger.
- C. Am I, as a man of God, in God's Word daily and passionate about living it out loud?

2. **Rebekah's disregard for God's Order.** (27:5-17)

- A. Wives must not try to circumvent their husbands authority even when she knows he's wrong. (Ephesians 5:22-23)
 - I. Rebekah uses deception, manipulation, and coercion all in the name of "obedience to God" and "spiritual superiority."
- B. God will never ask me to circumvent His order of things in order to carry out His will.
 - I. I must wait for Him to carry out His Word and will.
- C. Watch out that an attitude of spiritual superiority doesn't creep in to your heart and lead you into rebelliousness, disrespect, manipulation, deceit, etc.
 - I. These are signs of spiritual immaturity, not maturity.
 - II. If you find yourself needing to do these something is wrong.

3. **The trickle down effect: (Disorder, disfunction, disobedience trickles down.)**

- A. Jacob - (27:18-29) (Turned against one parent by the other)
- B. Esau - (27:29-41) (Broke his oath to Jacob - 25:33)

4. **Ramifications of Familiar Disregard for God's Word and Ways.** (27:42-28:9)

- A. Division of Family Unity:
 - I. Between Husband & Wife, children & parents, & siblings.
 - II. Divisions are caused by:
 - a.) Wrong appetites. (Romans 16:17-18)
 - b.) Wrong attitudes. (Jude 1:16-19)
 - c.) Wrong motives. (Titus 3:9-11)
- B. Conflict.
- C. Unforeseen Consequences.
 - I. As much as Rebekah loved Jacob, she'd never see him again.
- D. If any of these describe the spiritual climate of my home am I willing to consider what part I might be playing in this and how I might change for the better?