



JACOB & ESAU

DAILY DEVOTIONAL 9



LET'S PRAY Thank You, God, for another day. Thank You for all the things that I have. Thank You for the Bible, and help me understand what I read. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - PROVERBS 12:22

"Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight".

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

GENESIS 25:29-34



Esau came in from hunting and was tired and hungry. He asked for some of the lentil stew that Jacob was cooking, and wanted it right away. Jacob said he could have some if Esau sold him his birthright. Because Esau was the oldest and first born, he had the birthright. A birthright was something special and important and something to treasure. It involved an inheritance of worldly wealth as well as spe-

cial spiritual rights. It meant a life of service to God. It was the family line in which Jesus would come. So for Esau the birthright was a bit of a burden. He liked the freedom to roam all over the country side to hunt animals. Religion was a restraint for him as Esau wanted to do what he liked. It was an easy decision for him to sell his birthright.

How much do we treasure our relationship with God? Do we hold it tight or do we let it go easily like Esau?



FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 25:34

"And Jacob gave Esau	and stew of	; then he
and drank, aros	e, and went his way. T	Thus
despised	d his"	





LET'S PRAY Thank You, Lord, for keeping me safe. Thank You for my family. Thank You for providing me with a Bible.

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LET'S READ:

GENESIS 27:1-10



Isaac was very old and going blind. He was worried he was going to die so he asked Esau to go hunting and find some nice food to cook for him. Esau was to bring it to his father so he could bestow the final blessing on Esau. But Rebekah heard the conversation. She went to found Jacob, and told him about it. She asked him to go and get a kid goat from the flock and bring it to her. She would prepare a meal for Jacob to take to his father so he could get the blessing instead of Esau.

Did you know that telling a lie is actually breaking one of the ten commandments?

You can find that in Exodus 20:16.



FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 27:10

"Then	shall	take it to your	, that	he may
	it, and that he ma	ay yo	ou before his	





LET'S PRAY Thank You, Lord, for a safe night's sleep. Thank You for the roof over my head. I love You, Lord. Help me to understand what I am reading in the Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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LET'S READ:

GENESIS 27:11-17



Jacob was worried that his father would find out that he wasn't Esau, as Esau was a very hairy man. Rebekah went to a lot of trouble to trick Isaac. They put goat skins on Jacobs arms and neck so he felt hairy. They even dressed Jacob in Esau's clothes. Rebekah even cooked the food just the way Isaac loved. Jacob really wanted the blessing that was supposed to be Esau's.



Jacob wanted nothing better than to serve God. He wanted to be like his grandfather Abraham and commune with God, and he wanted the spiritual privilege of being in the family line of the coming Messiah, Jesus.

It's always best to wait on the Lord and seek God's counsel and direction, even if what we want to do seems right from our standpoint.

Seek God First.

FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 27:11-12

"And Jacob said to	his mother, 'L	ook, Esau my brother is	а
man, and I am a sr	mooth-skinned m	nan. Perhaps my	
will feel me, and I shall seem	n to be a	to him; and I shall bri	ng
a on r	myself and not a	,,,,	





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GENESIS 27:18-29



So, Rebekah and Jacob were successful in tricking Isaac. God had told Rebekah when she was pregnant that Esau, the older, would serve the younger, Jacob, but it was to be done in God's timing. Rebekah and Jacob went ahead of God and didn't wait for Him to do it His way, instead, they were impatient and did what they thought was right.



How's your patience? We could all do with some more of it.

You know patience is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. You can find it in Galatians 5:22-23. In the Bible another word for patience is longsuffering. We can claim this promise in Galatians and ask God to help us be more patient.

FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 27:19

"Jacob said to h	nis 'I am Es	au your	I have done
just as you	me; please	, sit and eat	of my,
	that your soul may	me'".	





LET'S PRAY Thank You, Father, for taking good care of me.
Thank You for another day. Thank You for speaking to me through Your word. Help me to listen to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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LET'S READ:
GENESIS 27:30-36

It was not long after Jacob left his father's tent that Esau turned up with the food he had hunted and cooked for Isaac.

Esau and Isaac found out they had both been tricked.

Do we think about the effect our lies have on other people and how they may react?

I think, if we knew that, we may think twice before lying.



FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 27:33

"Then Isaac	exceedingly,	and said, 'Who?	is the
one who hunted	, and bro	ught it to me? I	all of it
before you came, a	nd I have	him—and indeed	d he shall be
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LET'S READ: GENESIS 27:37-40



Esau was very upset that his brother had tricked him. Isaac told him that he had blessed Jacob and couldn't take it away. Jacob would now be Esau's master. What God had told Rebekah had come true.

The oldest would serve the youngest. This meant that Esau, who was the oldest, would serve his younger brother, Jacob.



Think about what you could do today to prepare for the Sabbath.

What kind thing could you do today to make someone in your family happy?

FILL IN THE MISSING SPACES - GENESIS 27:37

"Then Isaac	and said to Esau,	'Indeed I have made him your
, and all h	is brethren I have	to him as servants; with
and wir	ne I have sustained him	n. What shall I do now for you
	my son?'"	





LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for another Sabbath Day. I'm looking forward to spending the day with You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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LET'S READ:

GENESIS 27:41-46



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

So we have learnt this week that lying does not pay. Isaac and Rebekah had to send Jacob away to keep him safe from his brother, as Esau was so angry that he had been tricked that he wanted to kill Jacob. Jacob never saw his mother again.

God is not happy when we lie, and He wasn't happy when Jacob lied to his father. Both Rebekah and Jacob were very sorry for their sin and repented.

They realized they should have left the whole situation in God's hands. They were not patient; they went ahead with their lie and did not wait on the Lord. This caused a lot of trouble. But God still loved Jacob, even though he had done the wrong thing and God forgave him.

SABBATH QUIZ

Which brother cooked the stew of lentils?
2. Which brother sold his birthright?
3. What did Rebekah put on Jacob's arms to make them hairy?
4. Who received the blessing from Isaac through deception? Esau or Jacob?

5. What country did Rebekah ask Jacob to flee to, to get away from his angry brother? *Hint you will find this in the last part of Genesis 21



This week we will study about Jacob and Esau, and how a lie can get you into a lot of trouble.



Torchlight

"God had declared that Jacob should receive the birthright, and His word would have been fulfilled in His own time had they waited in faith for Him to work for them." – Patriarchs & Prophets p. 180



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