

GENESIS 27

tape: wn-102

THEME:

TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

The Blessing of Jacob

INTRODUCTION;

Isaiah 55:9 NKJV

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Verse 1-2

It is some twenty-five to thirty years before death comes to him

Hebrews 9:27 NKJV

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Death is a release for a believer

Revelation 9:6

And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

Isaiah 57:1

The righteous perishes, and no man takes it to heart; merciful men are taken away, while no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil.

Psalms 116:15 NKJV

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Isaac, God's servant suffered for many years

I DO NOT KNOW WHY

Verses 3-4

Esau earlier despised the birthright in Chapter 25

- *He was not interested in spiritual things*
- *He had no regard for the ways of God*
- *His actions revealed his carnal nature*

Romans 8:6-8 NKJV

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

- ESAU

√ *Was Esau saved? WAS A "NATURAL MAN"*

√ *Can you be a "Carnal Christian"?*

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. ² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; ³ for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, (selfish desire) strife, (stirring up trouble) and divisions (clicks & clubs & committees & groups) among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

Characteristics of a Carnal Christians

- are **Emotional driven** (Emotion over Devotion)
- are **Powerless** (Zero Spirit, Empty)
- are **tormented** by the Devil, flesh & world
- are **critical and judgmental & self-justifying**
- becomes very **cynical** (hopeless outlook)
- tear down the church by **comments & statements**

Savior, YES

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LORD, NO

*Living in an arrested state of spiritual growth
still wetting the pants and drinking milk*

Milk is great for Babies...

1 Peter 2:1-3

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² **as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,**
³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Baby Talk is Great when they are Babies,
But not when they are 15, 20, 30 yrs. in the Lord.

Victory comes when you give up ... your fight

- Are you a *Natural* Man
- Are you a *Spiritual* Man
- Are you a *Carnal* Man

Jack, Will a Carnal Christian Be Raptured, Why Ask
>>> I do not know <<<

Because God in His Foreknowledge,
Elected Jacob to be Hier

Romans 9:11

(for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, *not of works but of Him who calls*),

God Knows All Things in Advance (foreknowledge)

Thats how God always makes the right decision
HE KNOWS ALL

Romans 8:29

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rebekah knew which one to Bank on

Chapter 25:23-28 !!! *She knew based upon God's input*

Verse 5-19

It is wrong that they are doing this, It is wrong that they are put into this situation....

But, Two Wrongs never make a Right

Verse 23

The Power of Words / God's choice

Verse 33

The spiritual powers over the physical
I Gave it - It's gone!!!

Was Jacob God's choice Yes

God does not need Rebekah's help to perform it

Verse 34-38

Hebrews 12:15-17

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it (the blessing, not repentance) carefully with tears.

The Material Blessings were Gone

He had a root of bitterness