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The Book of Mysteries
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Genesis 27:22-35

22 Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." 23 He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him. 24

"Are you really my son Esau?" he asked.

"I am," he replied.

25 Then he said, "My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing." Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank.

Genesis 27:22-35

26 Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come here, my son, and kiss me."

27 So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said,

"Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed.

28 May God give you heaven's dew and earth's richness—an abundance of grain and new wine.



Genesis 27:22-35

29 May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you.

May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."

30 After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father's presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. 31 He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him,



Genesis 27:22-35

"My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."

32 His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?" "I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau."

33 Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!"

34 When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud



Genesis 27:22-35

and bitter cry and said to his father,
 “Bless me—me too, my father!”

35 But he said,
 “Your brother came deceitfully
 and took your blessing.”



“There are no (real) role
 models in Genesis 26-27!”*

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- **Esau**, the man of the field (Gen. 25:27), sets his mind entirely on the things of this world from the beginning by taking two Canaanite wives.
- **Isaac**, whose own father explicitly forbade him from taking Canaanite wives (Gen. 24:3), nevertheless sets his mind and heart on giving the patriarchal blessing to Esau in exchange for some food—the exact same price for which Esau sold his birthright to Jacob (Gen. 25:29–34).

Further... impartation of the blessing is connected to satisfying his “appetite” (27:4)

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- **Rebekah**, who was so industriously servant-hearted in the days of her youth (Gen. 24:15–20), now industriously orchestrates a plan to deceive her blind husband in order to steal the blessing for Jacob.
- **Jacob**, initially protests his mother’s plan out of a concern for getting caught, but he becomes altogether blameworthy when he carries out the deception that his mother proposes.

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Genesis 25:21-22 –

21 Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. 22 The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the Lord.

Genesis 25:23 –

And the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger.”

- Their deception is successful; Jacob gets the blessing.
- Later we will learn that Isaac cannot give a similar blessing to Esau and instead prophesies that he will serve his brother.



This isn't right! This isn't justice! What's happening? Why does God allow this to happen?

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Where is God in all this...?

Amidst...

*Esau's baseness, lack of merit.
Isaac's cravings & "appetite"
Rebekah's treachery
Jacob's deceptiveness*

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Where is God in all this...?

At work!

Through man's choices (good or evil)
Behind the scenes to bring about the fulfillment of his original birth oracle.

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Not the only time!

Genesis 32:22-26

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said,

"Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied,

"I will not let you go until you bless me."

Despite early indications of Jacob's trickery and of Esau as the victim, there is an undercurrent throughout indicating opposite character flaws...

Esau...

Quick to sell his enduring birthright for a temporary meal (v29-34)

Took Hittite wives which...

"... were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah." (Genesis 26:34-35)

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Is there anything redeeming in this story?

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For I will pour out water to quench your thirst and to irrigate your parched fields. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your children

Isaiah 44:3

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Every good and perfect gift comes from above

JAMES 1:17

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AND GOD IS ABLE TO BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY, SO THAT IN ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES, HAVING ALL THAT YOU NEED, YOU WILL ABOUND IN EVERY GOOD WORK. AS IT IS WRITTEN: "THEY HAVE FREELY SCATTERED THEIR GIFTS TO THE POOR; THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER." NOW HE WHO SUPPLIES SEED TO THE SOWER AND BREAD FOR FOOD WILL ALSO SUPPLY AND INCREASE YOUR STORE OF SEED AND WILL ENLARGE THE HARVEST OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-10

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3



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Matthew 6:30-33

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But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



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The Receiving

Psalms 84:11-12

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.



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1 John 5:3 –
 “In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome...”

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AND ALL THESE BLESSINGS SHALL COME UPON YOU AND OVERTAKE YOU.

IF YOU OBEY THE VOICE OF THE LORD YOUR GOD.

Deuteronomy 28:2

Who is the one who is blessed?
 The one who receives it!

Who is the one who is **ESPECIALLY** blessed?
 The one who will go to any lengths to receive it!

Hebrews 12:15-17

- **15** looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; **16** lest there be any fornicator or profane person like **Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.** **17** For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.