

Esau Sells His Share In God’s Plan.

This week we learn how Esau, Isaac’s eldest son, despised God’s Promises and Plan for his life.

*“The fear (humble respect) of the
LORD is the beginning of wisdom”*
Psalm 111v10.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Genesis 25v19-34 (Esau, Isaac’s eldest, sells his birthright) Genesis 26v1-5 (God’s repeats His promise to Isaac)	
Monday	Genesis 26v34-35 (Esau Rebels – Marrying unbelievers) Genesis 27v1-17 (Rebekah plans to deceive Isaac)	
Tuesday	Genesis 27v18-29 (Isaac blesses Jacob instead of Esau)	
Wednesday	Genesis 27v30-41 (Esau plans revenge – to kill Jacob)	
Thursday	Hebrews 12v12-17 (Esau is unrepentant) Malachi 1v1-9 (God’s Sovereignty in loving Jacob, not Esau)	
Friday	Romans 9v1-24 (God will judge all sin – He sees all)	
Saturday	Psalms 111 (Respect for God – The beginning of wisdom)	

Important Lesson for us today: *Satan’s aim is to keep us distracted from knowing God’s forgiveness. He wants us to miss out on receiving God’s promises.*

*We can live our lives thinking that the most important things are **possessions** – money, clothes, gadgets; or **fun** - enjoying this world’s sinful, empty experiences. Satan is very pleased when we foolishly waste so much of our time on social media; and he is happy when we look away from God to these things for our satisfaction (**knowing that these will never satisfy our eternal souls**).*

*So, let us look towards The Lord Jesus Christ; **Only He can give true fulfilment** and lasting soul satisfaction through His Gospel promise of forgiveness – now and for Eternity.*

Hymn 361 - The Gospel graciously calls us to repent and believe in the Saviour:

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| 1. All ye that pass by,
To Jesus draw nigh,
To you is it nothing that Jesus should die?
For what we have done
His blood must atone:
The Father has punished for us His dear Son. | 3. He died to atone,
For sins not His own,
Our debt He has paid and our work He has done,
So we may receive
The peace He did leave,
Who made intercession – ‘My Father forgive’. |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

Esau Despises His Birthright and God’s Promises.

• **Background to Today’s Lesson: -**

- Sarah died aged 127, before Isaac met Rebekah; Abraham was 140 when Isaac, at the age of 40, married Rebekah - but for 20 years they had no children.
- Isaac and Rebekah prayed earnestly to the Lord. **They believed God’s Promises.**
- God blessed them with twins. God said, **‘The elder will serve the younger’**. Gen 25v23.
- God repeated His Promise to Isaac (Gen 26 v3-5,v24). Isaac remained faithful to God.
- Esau and Jacob were born when Isaac was 60. Esau was a hunter, Jacob a shepherd.
- Abraham died aged 175 knowing that God’s promises were being faithfully fulfilled.
- Esau and Jacob were 15 when their grandfather Abraham died.

• **Esau’s Wrong Attitude to God and Life.**

- Even though Esau and Jacob were brought up by Isaac and Rebekah in a God-fearing home, Esau turned his back on all that his parents had taught him. He rejected God.
- Having no clear standards, he was very easy-going, undisciplined, with no inner principle of discernment (not knowing right from wrong), wide-open to evil.
- He was a Godless man (Hebrews 12 v16). As the eldest son he did not value his Birthright, or appreciate the Promises of God made to Abraham, Isaac, and himself.

• **Esau Made Careless Decisions: -**

- Even though he knew about the great responsibility, and privilege of God’s Promises, and what these meant to his father Jacob, and to Abraham his grandfather, he did not want to keep God’s rules in order to receive these blessings from God.
- One day he foolishly agreed with Jacob to exchange his birthright for a bowl of soup.
- He grieved his parents when he broke God’s law by marrying two Canaanite girls.

• **Jacob Receives The Blessing From His Ageing Father Isaac.**

- Although Rebekah, sinfully, helped Isaac trick his dying father into passing on the blessing to him, it was in God’s Plan that Jacob should receive it. (Gen 25v23).
- Esau was very angry when he discovered that Isaac had blessed Jacob. He felt sorry for himself and planned to kill his brother; He showed no repentance towards God.

• **How Can We Avoid Being Like Esau?**

- **Guard your soul.** Respect God’s truth, avoid flippancy, attend church regularly, listen with the ‘ears’ of your soul, seek and find forgiveness by believing in the Saviour.
- **Value your Gospel privileges.** God has shown us His great love for sinners by sending His Son to die on Calvary so that we can be forgiven of all our sin. John 3v16.

Ask, “Have I responded to God’s gracious Gospel call to repentance and faith in Christ?”

- **Don’t count on or presume on God’s blessings.** These are not ours’ by ‘right’ but are only given to those who seek and find Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.
- **Don’t leave it until later.** Now is the time to repent and believe. If we leave it today, it could be too late, and then we will miss God’s blessing of Eternal Life. See Matthew 25.

The Lord Jesus said, “There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God (Heaven), and you yourselves thrust out.”
Luke 13v28.