

## **Jacob and Esau: Two types of men**

*Malachi 1:2-3 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.*

*Romans 9:6-13 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son. And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.*

In these passages of the Scripture, God is giving us an illustration of the two types of men in the world.

Let me continue with the story of Jacob and Esau; according EXACTLY as is written in the Word of God.

*Ge 25:19 ¶ And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac:*

*Ge 25:20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.*

*Ge 25:21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.*

*Ge 25:22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD.*

I pause from the reading of the Scripture, to set the tone of today's message. The two types of men as is prophesied. Two illustrations of the disposition of men according to the fallout from the Garden of Eden; that is, the sin of Adam.

For theological purposes, I will characterize the two types of men as #1. The Elect of God and #2, The Reprobate of God. One to be saved and the other, condemned.

***Ge 25:23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.***

Here, the Lord here, has again, purposefully ordained that the inheritance of the father (in this case, Abraham and Isaac), did not go to the first born; but rather, the second. God is telling us of the two kingdoms of men that will forever be in the world; that of the Elect and the Non-Elect. One that will be justified in the sight of God, forever, and the other, condemned for all eternity.

***Ge 25:24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.***

***Ge 25:25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.***

***Ge 25:26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.***

***Ge 25:27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.***

***Ge 25:28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.***

#### **Incident #1**

***Ge 25:29 ¶ And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:***

***Ge 25:30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.***

***Ge 25:31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.***

***Ge 25:32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?***

***Ge 25:33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.***

***Ge 25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.***

Here, we have just witnessed how Esau has given in to his flesh so easily and willingly. He has sold the birthright of the firstborn for a bowl of porridge. He has thrown away the promise of what the Lord God gave to his grandfather, Abraham, and that also of Isaac, his father (that is, as is told minus the prophecy given to Rebekah; which seems to not have been told to either Esau or Jacob; maybe even Isaac as well).

## Incident #2

***Ge 26:34 ¶ And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:***

***Ge 26:35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.***

In Genesis Chapter 24, we read of the selection of a wife for Isaac. I will only refer to the first 4 verses to illustrate my point.

***Ge 24:1 ¶ And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.***

***Ge 24:2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:***

***Ge 24:3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:***

***Ge 24:4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.***

Now we see in Verse 3, how Abraham has told Eliezer what manner of woman to choose for Isaac. That the servant was to choose from out of Abraham's own kin and NOT of the heathen Canaanites.

In Esau's case, he chose from the tribe of the Hittites; who were of the tribes of Canaan. Here again, Esau has done what he wanted to do and not according to what God has established for the seed of Abraham.

Now, we will see the consequences of his fatal errors. I will read Genesis Chapter 27 in its entirety and then comment on the matters as they have occurred.

***Ge 27:1 ¶ And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I.***

***Ge 27:2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:***

***Ge 27:3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison;***

***Ge 27:4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.***

*Ge 27:5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.*

*Ge 27:6 ¶ And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,*

*Ge 27:7 Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death.*

*Ge 27:8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.*

*Ge 27:9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth:*

*Ge 27:10 And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.*

*Ge 27:11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man:*

*Ge 27:12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.*

*Ge 27:13 And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.*

*Ge 27:14 And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved.*

*Ge 27:15 And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:*

*Ge 27:16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:*

*Ge 27:17 And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.*

*Ge 27:18 ¶ And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son?*

*Ge 27:19 And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.*

*Ge 27:20 And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought it to me.*

*Ge 27:21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not.*

*Ge 27:22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.*

*Ge 27:23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.*

*Ge 27:24 And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am.*

*Ge 27:25 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.*

*Ge 27:26 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.*

*Ge 27:27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:*

*Ge 27:28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:*

*Ge 27:29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.*

*Ge 27:30 ¶ And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.*

*Ge 27:31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.*

*Ge 27:32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau.*

*Ge 27:33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.*

*Ge 27:34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.*

*Ge 27:35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.*

*Ge 27:36 And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?*

*Ge 27:37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?*

*Ge 27:38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.*

*Ge 27:39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;*

*Ge 27:40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.*

*Ge 27:41 ¶ And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.*

*Ge 27:42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.*

*Ge 27:43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran;*

*Ge 27:44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;*

*Ge 27:45 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?*

*Ge 27:46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?*

Before I continue, I want to point out something that wasn't quite stated prior... that is, Isaacs' wanting to bless Esau and thereby, passing on the blessing of the inheritance to someone other than what God had ordained.

There is no clear evidence in the Scripture, that Isaac willingly disobeyed God as to who was to receive the blessing. But at the beginning of verse 33, where it is written, "Isaac trembled very exceedingly", could imply that Isaac was indeed aware of the prophecy given to Rebekah.

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Esau lost his blessing and instead was given another blessing. He did not receive the blessing of the Lord, and inherit Isaacs' property and carry on the seed of Abraham and thereby continuing the chain of the Elect of God, but he still ended up being a very wealthy man. Here, is how God had blessed Esau. This is what we in the field of religion and theology call, "God's temporal

blessings” that is, On the surface, it *appears* that Esau was blessed of God in a manner which in today’s day and age (that is, the 20<sup>th</sup> century and beyond) would be “evidence” of an election; He was materially rich. This, is the outward evidence to those who are condemned of God; Joel Osteen, Ken Copeland, Creflo Dollar, TBN Daystar crowd, etc. Even those who are not Word of Faith non-denominational, the Roman Catholic Church, for example, give off the appearance of being materially blessed of God, and therefore deceiving millions, as to their true state. Utterly depraved.

Esau’s blessing can be read in Genesis 32:3 and Genesis 36 (the entire chapter)

Now that the context of today’s message has been established, I will continue with the main crux of the message. That being, that *wealthy men and men of power, while they may LOOK like they be of the Elect of God, they are in fact, reprobated and utterly cast away from God’s Kingdom.*

Men today are of the same stature.

They may study, they may memorize catechisms, they may even be free of exterior circumstances that would place a certain judgement of “sinner” upon them (e.g., cussing). They may be soft spoken and live exemplary lives in the flesh; yet they are reprobate and cast away from God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The point I am concluding with in today’s message is this; just because someone looks like they are free of spot and appear clean and just (politicians, news media, professing Christians, etc.), they are rotten to the core.

Judge righteously (John 7:24). Be ever on your guard. Watch, lest Satan should get an advantage of us (2 Corinthians 2:11). Remember, he is a roaring lion.

***1Pe 5:5 ¶ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.***

***1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:***

***1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.***

***1Pe 5:8 ¶ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:***

***1Pe 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.***

***1Pe 5:10 ¶ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.***

***1Pe 5:11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.***

**Romans 9:6-33**

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**Ro 9:14 ¶ What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.**

**Ro 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.**

**Ro 9:16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.**

**Ro 9:17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.**

**Ro 9:18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.**

**Ro 9:19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?**

**Ro 9:20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?**

**Ro 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?**

**Ro 9:22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:**



**Ro 9:23** And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

**Ro 9:24** Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

**Ro 9:25 ¶** As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

**Ro 9:26** And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

**Ro 9:27** Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

**Ro 9:28** For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

**Ro 9:29** And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.

**Ro 9:30 ¶** What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

**Ro 9:31** But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

**Ro 9:32** Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

**Ro 9:33** As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.