

“Selling the Birthright”

Genesis 25:29–34

I. The Account

- a. The Hunter and the Cook (verse 29)
- b. The Craving and the Offer (verses 30–31)
- c. The Exaggeration and the Oath (verses 32–33)
- d. The Casual Exchange (verse 34a)
- e. The Brazen Disregard (verse 34b)

Hebrews 12:14–17, compared with Deuteronomy 29:16–29

Big Idea: Beware your passions which would trade the holy for the trivial.

II. The Application

- a. Our profane passions will hide behind distorted necessity.

Proverbs 27:20; James 4:1–3

- b. Our profane passions will blind us to our dreadful guilt.

Proverbs 30:20

- c. Our profane passions trade eternal glory for immediate satisfaction.

“The reprobate do not value God's benefits unless they feel them presently, and therefore they prefer present pleasures... Thus the wicked prefer their worldly conveniences over God's spiritual graces: but the children of God do the opposite.” – Geneva Bible Translation Notes

1 Corinthians 15:30–34; Philippians 3:7–21

- d. God's grace can replace our profane passions with holy pursuits.

Titus 3:3–7; Matthew 6:31–33; 1 Timothy 6:6–12; Revelation 21:6–8