

# A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY

GENESIS 27:1-46

# I. The Request for Food. (1-5)

**"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." (Genesis 27:1)**

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

**(Genesis 27:2)**

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

**(Genesis 27:3)**

**"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." (Genesis 27:4)**

Isaac had to have  
known that it was  
Jacob that God  
intended to have the  
blessing.

"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." (Genesis 27:33)



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

# II. The Deceitful Plan.

(6-17)

**"And Rebekah spake  
unto Jacob her son,  
saying, Behold, I heard  
thy father speak unto  
Esau thy brother,  
saying,"**

**(Genesis 27:6)**

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

**"Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee." (Genesis 27:8)**

**"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:" (Genesis 27:9)**

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

**(Genesis 27:10)**

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



**"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."**

**(Genesis 27:12)**

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

**(Genesis 27:13)**

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

**"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:" (Genesis 27:15)**

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

**(Genesis 27:16)**

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

**(Genesis 27:17)**

# III. The Tricky Blessing. (18-29)

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



**"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." (Genesis 27:19)**

"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." (Genesis 27:20)

**"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." (Genesis 27:21)**

**"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." (Genesis 27:22)**

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

Isaac trusted what he  
*felt* above what he  
*heard.*

**"And he said, Art thou  
my very son Esau?  
And he said, I  
am." (Genesis 27:24)**

**"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." (Genesis 27:25)**



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

**"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:" (Genesis 27:27)**

**"Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:" (Genesis 27:28)**

**"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." (Genesis 27:29)**

# IV. The Disappointed Brother. (30-40)

**"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." (Genesis 27:30)**

**"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." (Genesis 27:31)**

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



"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."

(Genesis 27:33)

**"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." (Genesis 27:34)**

**"And he said, Thy  
brother came with  
subtilty, and hath  
taken away thy  
blessing."**

**(Genesis 27:35)**

**"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?" (Genesis 27:36)**

**"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?" (Genesis 27:37)**

**"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." (Genesis 27:38)**

**"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 carefully with tears." (Hebrews 12:17)**

**"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;" (Genesis 27:39)**



**"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." (Genesis 27:40)**

and it shall come to pass, when  
thou shalt have the dominion;  
not over the Israelites, the  
posterity of Jacob, which the  
Edomites, Esau's posterity,  
never had; but when they  
should get a greater degree of  
strength, power, authority, and  
dominion in the world:

**the Edomites should revolt from the posterity of Jacob, and shake off the yoke of bondage and subjection they had been long under; as they did in the times of Joram, king of Judah, and set up a king of their own, and continued in such a state of freedom a long time. (Gill)**

**V. Esau's Anger. (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." (Genesis 27:41)**

# **VI. Jacob Flees.**

## **(42-46)**

**"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." (Genesis 27:42)**

**"Now therefore, my  
son, obey my voice;  
and arise, flee thou to  
Laban my brother to  
Haran;"**

**(Genesis 27:43)**



**"And tarry with him a  
few days, until thy  
brother's fury turn  
away;"**

**(Genesis 27:44)**

**"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?" (Genesis 27:45)**

**"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?" (Genesis 27:46)**

# Summary

1. DESPITE THEIR FAMILY PROBLEMS, THEY WERE STILL USED BY GOD.
2. THE LIES WERE UNNECESSARY. GOD'S PLAN WOULD HAVE HAPPENED ANYWAY.
3. THEIR PROBLEMS WERE NOT CAUSED BY GOD'S PLAN BUT BY REBELLION AGAINST GOD'S PLAN.