

Introduction

About ten years ago, three of our students had their vehicles stolen. This did not happen at one time; it happened one at a time in three different classes over a period of about four months. They were all stolen from the Homewood Suites Hotel, where our students stayed. I met with the hotel management and after they refused to take some simple security measures, we moved away to the Marriott. At that time we were giving them about a quarter million dollars of business a year, so this was a big loss to them. The Hilton Corporate office decided to buy the hotel and make it a corporate property. They put in the security measures that I had recommended and then asked us to come back, which we did. While going through all of that we discovered that it was not just any vehicle that the thieves wanted, there were specific vehicles that they targeted. They liked big diesel pickups. The police said that the trucks would be dismantled and taken across the border to Mexico very quickly. The diesel engines were in high demand. The point of this is that the thieves stole the things that were valuable to them. They were not stealing the vehicles that had no value to them.

Just so Albuquerque does not look so bad, two years ago Varel Bits International sent five students to a class at our Houston Training Center. Their trucks got broken into at the Homewood Suites in Stafford, which was ½ mile down the road from our training center. The trucks were not stolen, but were broken into. The thieves were after the valuables in the trucks. Specifically, they were looking for handguns that the truck owners might be stashing in the trucks. They broke into and stole the things that were valuable to them. I am in discussions with Varel Bits right now, and one of their concerns is where the classes are being held. They reminded me of their bad experience while taking our class. In 1994, I went to New Haven, Connecticut to play a tour event at the Yale University Golf Course. On Wednesday, Karen asked me to withdraw and take them out of New Haven. The constant gunfire from the gang wars every afternoon made her feel very unsafe. A few weekends ago Chicago made the news. They had 74 people shot in one weekend and 42 of them died. Our Permian Training Center is located in Odessa, which has the highest crime rate in Texas. Karen and I lived in Orlando, Florida for thirteen years. Orlando, home of Disney World, the vacation capital of the world, has one of the highest stolen vehicle rates in the country. Organized crime is prevalent in Florida. There is crime in all cities, whether it is Albuquerque, Houston, Chicago, Odessa, or even Orlando. The point of the illustration is not crime, but to illustrate that people steal what is valuable to them.

In our text today, something very valuable was stolen. In our culture today, most people don't even think about a Father's Blessing. But in the Jewish culture, a Father's Blessing was highly valued. Bill Glass, a four-time All Pro NFL star, founded Champions for Life, a prison ministry that visits over 400 prisons a year. His experience has shown him that men who are violent criminals usually had weak, abusive, or absentee fathers. Jewish prisoners are hard to find. Why? Jewish fathers continue the Old Testament tradition of blessing their children. Years ago Bill Glass was in Florida and asked prison officials, "How many prisoners are Jewish?" The answer was thirteen. This is how Bill tells it: More than 60,000 inmates in prison in Florida at that time, and only thirteen were Jewish? Florida does have a significant Jewish population. Why do so few Jews end up in jail? It's because many of the old Jewish fathers from the beginning of time followed the tradition of blessing their sons and daughters. Isaac wasn't the only one. It went down through the generations, and to this day, the Jewish father at the bar mitzvahs blesses his son or daughter. That's why you don't see many Jews in prisons anywhere in the world.

In our text today, Isaac understood the value of blessing his son. Before he died, he requested Esau, his oldest, to go hunt some game, prepare it, and cook it, and then he would bless him. Rebekah understood the value of the blessing. She overheard Isaac's conversation with Esau, and she devised a plan to deceive Isaac so that his blessing went to Jacob. Jacob understood the value of the father's blessing and helped execute the plan. Esau understood the value of the blessing, and went out immediately to hunt some game and prepare it for his father so he could get blessed. When he discovered that Jacob stole the blessing, he wept bitterly. He had lost something that was valuable to him. We don't read that he wept over the inheritance and firstborn rights, but he wept over the Father's Blessing. I have titled the message, The Value Of A Father's Blessing, because that is what this chapter is all about.

The Value of A Father's Blessing

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1. Isaac's Request (Gen 27:1-4)

(Gen 27:1-4) "Now it came about, when Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." And he said to him, "Here I am." {2} Isaac said, "Behold now, I am old and I do not know the day of my death. {3} "Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me; {4} and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die."

Isaac is getting older and his eyes are too dim to see. He wanted to make sure that he gave his father's blessing before he died. Scholars say that he was probably 147 at this time, making Esau and Jacob 77 years of age. Esau and Jacob were born when Isaac was 60 years old, so if he was 147 that would make Esau and Jacob 87. Jacob is not married yet, and I don't think he would wait until he was 87 to start thinking about finding a wife and having a family. I believe that a more probable guess is that they are 30-40 years old, which would put Isaac at 90-100 years old. To me, that is a more reasonable guess. In Genesis 35:28-29, we find that Isaac lived to be 180 years old. He may have been getting old and blind, but he would live a lot longer after this.

(Gen 35:28-29) "Now the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years. {29} Isaac breathed his last and died and was gathered to his people, an old man of ripe age; and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him."

Isaac called Esau because he was his older son, and because he loved Esau. It is only natural to have a desire to bless those that we love. Isaac also wanted to eat and fellowship with Esau. Both of them had a taste for game and enjoyed their barbecues. So, Isaac asked Esau to take his bow and arrows and go hunt some game, prepare some tasty food, and then he would bless him. Shared meals were important in making covenants. We saw last week that before Abimelech and Isaac made a covenant, they shared a meal together. A shared meal was also part of the father's blessing. When we share the Lord's Supper, it is a reminder of the covenant that God made with us.

(Gen 25:28) "Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob."

Isaac clearly understood the value of a father's blessings. In America, a father's blessing is not understood or practiced. If you research what most preachers say today, they talk about how fathers can bless their children throughout their lives by encouraging them, setting a good example, providing for them, etc. I agree that fathers need to bless their wives and children regularly, but the father's blessing was a single powerful moment, not a lifestyle. The father's blessing gave a sense of identity, and it also set the course of the son's life. The firstborn rights were inheritance rights. The firstborn got double what the other sons received. The father's blessing pronounced a blessing, determined which son would be dominant, and most important, which son would carry on the legacy. The lineage of Abraham to the Messiah, Jesus Christ, was going to be passed down through Jacob, not Esau. In Luke 3:34, we see the outworking of this; Jacob is mentioned, not Esau.

(Luke 3:23-38) "When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, the son of Eli...**{34} the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham...**{38} the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God."

2. **Rebekah's Plan** (Gen 27:5-13)

(Gen 27:5-13) "Rebekah was listening while Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game to bring home, {6} Rebekah said to her son Jacob, 'Behold, I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, saying, {7} 'Bring me some game and prepare a savory dish for me, that I may eat, and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.' {8} "Now therefore, my son, listen to me as I command you. {9} "Go now to the flock and bring me two choice young goats from there, that I may prepare them as a savory dish for your father, such as he loves. {10} "Then you shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death." {11} Jacob answered his mother Rebekah, "Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man and I am a smooth man. {12} "Perhaps my father will feel me, then I will be as a deceiver in his sight, and I will bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing." {13} But his mother said to him, "Your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get them for me."

Rebekah also knew the value of the father's blessing. When she heard Isaac give instructions to Esau, she quickly devised a plan for Jacob to get that blessing. We saw that Isaac loved Esau and Rebekah loved Jacob. (Gen 25:28) Just as it was natural for Isaac to want to bless Esau, because he loved Esau, and he was the firstborn son, it was also natural for Rebekah to want Isaac to bless Jacob, whom she loved.

But, Rebekah knew that Jacob was supposed to receive that blessing because of what the Lord had told her. After Isaac had prayed for her, she conceived. But the children struggled together within her and she inquired of the Lord about what was going on. The Lord said to her, "two nations are in your womb, and two people will be separated from your body; and one people shall be stronger than the other; and the older shall serve the younger." She knew that Jacob was to be the stronger and the one who was to be blessed.

(Gen 25:21-23) "Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived. {22} But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is so, why then am I this way?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. {23} The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb; And two peoples will be separated from your body; And one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger."

God had already predestined the lineage to go through Jacob. God knew the hearts of men. God knew that Esau would despise his birthright. (Gen 25:34) God knew that Esau would not honor God or his parents and would marry a Hittite woman, which brought great grief to them. (Gen 26:34-35) In Hebrews 12:16-17, we find that Esau was an immoral and godless person. God knew that Jacob would be the one that would love Him, serve Him, and follow Him and that Esau was godless and would not serve Him. God made a choice of Jacob over Esau.

Hebrews 12:16-17 {16} that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. {17} For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

In Romans 9:7-13, Paul explains that not all of Israel who are descended from Israel. He said it is not the children of the flesh, but children of the promise that are descendants. Paul goes on to explain that even before the twins were born and had not done anything good or bad, God made a choice of Jacob. Paul quotes Malachi 1:2-3, which says that God hated Esau and loved Jacob.

(Rom 9:7-13) "nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: **"THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."** {8} That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendant. {9} For this is the word of promise: **"AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."** {10} And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; {11} for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, {12} it was said to her, **"THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."** {13} Just as it is written, **"JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."**

(Malachi 1:2-3) "I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have You loved us?" "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob; {3} but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation and appointed his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness."

But knowing God's will and doing it according to God's principles are two different things. In 1 Chronicles 13:5-14, David attempted to bring the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem. That was a good thing, and it was God's will for him to do this. But, he did not do it God's way. He tried to carry out God's will with worldly ways. He put the ark on a new cart, just as the Philistines had done when they sent it back to Israel. Unfortunately, the cart hit a bump in the road and the ark was about to fall, and Uzza reached out with his hand to keep it from falling over and out of the cart. When he did this, the Lord struck him dead.

Later on, in 1 Chronicles 15:1-29, David successfully brought back the ark of the covenant. He went back and searched the Scriptures and found out that it was to be carried with poles on the shoulders of the Levites. When David did it according to God's instructions, he was successful in bringing the ark back.

(1 Chron 15:13-15) “Because you did not carry it at the first, the LORD our God made an outburst on us, for we did not seek Him according to the ordinance.’ {14} So the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. {15} The sons of the Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles thereon, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.”

In Genesis 15, God spoke to Abraham about giving him a son. In Genesis 16, we find that Sarah had born him no children. Abraham and Sarah knew that it was God's will to give them a son, yet it had not happened, so they leaned on their own understanding and brought Hagar into the picture. Sarah gave Hagar to Abraham, and she conceived and gave birth to Ishmael. They did it their way, not God's way.

Hudson Taylor, the British missionary to China once said, “God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply.” We have to do God's will and God's work in God's way. Developing a plan to deceive her husband was wrong. Devising a plan for Jacob to lie and deceive his father was wrong. There is no excuse for their actions. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us, “*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*” Rebekah leaned on her own understanding, and did not trust the Lord and acknowledge Him in this.

Rebekah knows that Jacob is to be the one to be blessed, but she does it her way. She did not trust the Lord, but trusted in her own ways, which were not God's way. God is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man that He should repent. (Numbers 23:19) God is a God of truth and does not lie. (John 14:6) We find in Proverbs 6:16-19 that God hates lies. So, this was not God's way of doing things. God's plan, even before Jacob was born, was to have the lineage of Christ go through Jacob. We don't know how God would have worked out the details of His plan, but we know that He would have made sure that Jacob was blessed.

Jacob knew that the plan was wrong. He knew instinctively that it was wrong to deceive his father. He said to his mother, “*Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man and I am a smooth man. Perhaps my father will feel me, then I will be as a deceiver in his sight, and I will bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing.*” He knew it was wrong and it could end up bringing a curse, not the intended blessing. But Rebekah said to him, “Your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get them for me.” Rebekah loved Jacob so much that she wanted him to receive the blessing, and she was willing to become a curse so that he would be blessed.

Do you know who else was willing to be cursed so that others could be blessed? It was Jesus. In Galatians 3:13-14, Paul wrote that Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us. Why, “so that we would receive the blessing of Abraham through Christ. Why was He willing to do this? He was willing to become a curse for us because He loved us. Ephesians 1:4-5 says, “In love He predestined us to adoption...” Rebekah loved Jacob enough to become a curse so that he would be blessed. Jesus loved you and I so much that He became cursed so that we could receive the Father's blessing on our lives.

(Gal 3:13-14) "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"— {14} in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

(Eph 1:4-5) "just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love {5} He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,"

3. The Execution Of The Plan (Gen 27:14-27)

(Gen 27:14-27) "So he went and got them, and brought them to his mother; and his mother made savory food such as his father loved. {15} Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. {16} And she put the skins of the young goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. {17} She also gave the savory food and the bread, which she had made, to her son Jacob. {18} Then he came to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" {19} Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn; I have done as you told me. Get up, please, sit and eat of my game, that you may bless me." {20} Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have it so quickly, my son?" And he said, "Because the LORD your God caused it to happen to me." {21} Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come close, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not." {22} So Jacob came close to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." {23} He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. {24} And he said, "Are you really my son Esau?" And he said, "I am." {25} So he said, "Bring it to me, and I will eat of my son's game, that I may bless you." And he brought it to him, and he ate; he also brought him wine and he drank. {26} Then his father Isaac said to him, "Please come close and kiss me, my son." {27} So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he blessed him and said, "See, the smell of my son Is like the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed;

Jacob did exactly what his mother told him to do. Then, she prepared the savory food, and she took the best garments of Esau and put them on Jacob. She took the skins of the young goats and put them on his hands and neck. We see, "Rebekah..., she..., she...she..." She did her part in executing this deceptive plan. But, Jacob does his part. He lied about getting the game so quickly. Then, he lied who he is, stating that he is Esau. When Isaac asked him a second time, Jacob lies a third time, assuring Isaac that he is Esau. Both Rebekah and Jacob did their respective parts in carrying out the deceptive plan.

4. The Blessing (Gen 27:28-29)

(Gen 27:28-29) "Now may God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and an abundance of grain and new wine; {29} May peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you; be master of your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, and blessed be those who bless you."

There are three P's or parts to this blessing. First, there is a blessing of prosperity. Second, there is a blessing of position. Third, there is a blessing of protection.

Blessing of PROSPERITY: First, Isaac blesses Jacob with the dew of heaven. The dew of heaven is vitally important for livestock and vegetation. Dew keeps the plants watered in the evenings and sustains them until they can get a soaking rain. Without the dew of heaven crops and flocks will not do well, and those were the primary sources of income for them. Isaac also blessed Jacob with the abundance of grain and new wine. Again, these relate to prosperity. God had promised to bless Abraham and his descendants, and Jacob is to be the descendant of record, and God's blessings to Abraham were now being pronounced over Jacob.

Blessing of POSITION: Second, Isaac blesses Jacob with peoples and nations bowing down and serving him. He also blesses him with position over his brothers. Jacob is to be the master of his brothers. This had also been prophesied, that the older would serve the younger. Isaac's blessings are according to God's word. When we bless people, one of the things that we can always do is bless them with God's word. I pray God's word over people all the time.

Blessing of PROTECTION: Third, Isaac said, "Cursed be those who curse you, and blessed be those that bless you." Anyone that came against Jacob would be cursed, and anyone who blessed him would be blessed. God put a hedge around Jacob. One of the reasons that we pray for Israel and bless Israel is because of this blessing given to Jacob by Isaac.

5. Esau's Bitter Surprise (Gen 27:30-41)

(Gen 27:30-41) "Now it came about, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had hardly gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. {31} Then he also made savory food, and brought it to his father; and he said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me." {32} Isaac his father said to him, "Who are you?" And he said, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." {33} Then Isaac trembled violently, and said, "Who was he then that hunted game and brought it to me, so that I ate of all of it before you came, and blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed." {34} When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!" {35} And he said, "Your brother came deceitfully and has taken away your blessing." {36} Then he said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing." And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?" {37} But Isaac replied to Esau, "Behold, I have made him your master, and all his relatives I have given to him as servants; and with grain and new wine I have sustained him. Now as for you then, what can I do, my son?" {38} Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." So Esau lifted his voice and wept. {39} Then Isaac his father answered and said to him, "Behold, away from the fertility of the earth shall be your dwelling, And away from the dew of heaven from above. {40} "By your sword you shall live, And your brother you shall serve; But it shall come about when you become restless, That you will break his yoke from your neck." {41} So Esau bore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

What a bitter surprise Esau has when he comes back from his successful hunting trip and prepares a feast to enjoy with his father. Esau knows the value and importance of receiving his father's blessing, and he is excited about receiving it. "When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry." This was a really painful and bitter pill to swallow. Esau did not just cry out with a great and bitter cry, he lifted his voice and wept. He was crushed. He was hurt. He was devastated. His hope and expectations were shattered, and he bitterly cried and wept.

Then, Esau asked his father to bless him also. But, Isaac tells him that his blessing on Jacob is irrevocable, and that it can't be changed. He has made Jacob his master and all his relatives have been given to Jacob as his servants. In the lineage of Christ, there was only going to be one son, and it was going to be Jacob. Esau could not have this blessing, as it was reserved for Jacob. We can bless people in many ways, and there are lots of blessings for everyone, but the blessing of being the descendant of Abraham and the lineage of Christ was only going to go to one son, Jacob.

Isaac tells Esau that he will be away from the fertility of the earth and away from the dew of heaven. He would live by the sword and serve his brother. Then, Isaac tells him that after he becomes restless, he would break Jacob's yoke from his neck. Then, Esau bore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing Jacob stole from him. He said to himself, "the days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob." He was so bitter and angry over what had happened that he swore to himself to murder his brother.

I believe that unforgiveness is a yoke that keeps people in bondage. I believe that Esau was going to break this yoke off of him when he came to the place of forgiving his brother. It was going to take some time for him to become restless and deal with the offense. But, when he came to the place of forgiving his brother, his brother's yoke would be broken off of him.

Conclusion and Applications

Esau knows the value of the father's blessing. He knows the importance and value of it. Isaac understood the purpose and value of the blessing and made sure that he gave it before he died. Rebekah knew the value of the blessing and did what she thought needed to be done to secure that for Jacob. Jacob knows the value of the blessing and carries out the deceptive plan of his mother. Finally, Esau knew the value of the father's blessing, and was devastated when it was stolen from him.

Last week I ended with the blessings given to us in Ephesians 1. In Christ, the firstborn, the One that God blessed, we have been given every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. All those blessings are given to us when we are in Christ. If you want the blessings of Abraham, they come when we are in Christ. Have you received Christ? If so, the Father's Blessing has been given to you. If you have not received Christ, I encourage and exhort you to receive Christ this morning. Like Rebekah, Jesus loved us so much that He became a curse for us that we might be blessed. Receive Christ into your heart this morning and receive His blessing.

Before we end today, I want to share one more Scripture with you. In Numbers 6:22-27, the Lord spoke to Moses and told him to speak to Aaron and his sons, and to tell them to bless the sons of

Israel. Aaron and his sons were the priests, so the priests were to bless the sons of Israel. This morning I want to speak this same blessing over you.

(Num 6:22-27) "Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, {23} "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: {24} **The LORD bless you, and keep you; {25} The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; {26} The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'** {27} "So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them."

Next week, we will finish up the last few verses of Genesis 27 because it introduces the next chapter of Jacob's life. If the ushers can serve the communion elements, we will prepare to take the Lord's Supper.

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