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**Jesus in the Story of
Jacob the Grabber**

THE BIRTHRIGHT

Genesis 25:20-34

²⁰Isaac was forty years old when he took as his wife Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan-aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife because she was childless. The LORD was receptive to his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²But the children inside her struggled with each other, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her: Two nations are in your womb; two peoples will come from you and be separated. One people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.

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²⁴When her time came to give birth, there were indeed twins in her womb. ²⁵The first one came out red-looking, covered with hair like a fur coat, and they named him Esau. ²⁶After this, his brother came out grasping Esau's heel with his hand. So he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when they were born. ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau became an expert hunter, an outdoorsman, but Jacob was a quiet man who stayed at home. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau because he had a taste for wild game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

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²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field exhausted. ³⁰He said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, because I'm exhausted." That is why he was also named Edom. ³¹Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." ³²"Look," said Esau, "I'm about to die, so what good is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to Jacob and sold his birthright to him. ³⁴Then Jacob gave bread and lentil stew to Esau; he ate, drank, got up, and went away. So Esau despised his birthright.

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The Firstborn Son Received a Double Portion of the Father's Assets and the Family Blessing to Carry on the Heritage and Name **Deuteronomy 21:17**



CONTRAST

Esau Gave up His Birthright, Selling It for a Simple Meal
The Lord Jesus Valued His Mission Above Physical Needs,
Resisting Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11)

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¹When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could not see, he called his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." And he answered, "Here I am."
²He said, "Look, I am old and do not know the day of my death. ³So now take your hunting gear, your quiver and bow, and go out in the field to hunt some game for me. ⁴Then make me a delicious meal that I love and bring it to me to eat, so that I can bless you before I die."

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⁵ Now Rebekah was listening to what Isaac said to his son Esau. So while Esau went to the field to hunt some game to bring in, ⁶ Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Listen! I heard your father talking with your brother Esau. He said, ⁷ 'Bring me game and make a delicious meal for me to eat so that I can bless you in the LORD's presence before I die.' ⁸ Now, my son, listen to me and do what I tell you. ⁹ Go to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, and I will make them into a delicious meal for your father—the kind he loves. ¹⁰ Then take it to your father to eat so that he may bless you before he dies."

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¹¹ Jacob answered Rebekah his mother, "Look, my brother Esau is a hairy man, but I am a man with smooth skin. ¹² Suppose my father touches me. Then I will be revealed to him as a deceiver and bring a curse rather than a blessing on myself." ¹³ His mother said to him, "Your curse be on me, my son. Just obey me and go get them for me." ¹⁴ So he went and got the goats and brought them to his mother, and his mother made the delicious food his father loved. ¹⁵ Then Rebekah took the best clothes of her older son Esau, which were in the house, and had her younger son Jacob wear them. ¹⁶ She put the skins of the young goats on his hands and the smooth part of his neck.

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¹⁷ Then she handed the delicious food and the bread she had made to her son Jacob. ¹⁸ When he came to his father, he said, "My father." And he answered, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" ¹⁹ Jacob replied to his father, "I am Esau, your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game so that you may bless me."

A Prophetic Declaration of Favor Given at the Father's Discretion Before His Death

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1. **Isaac** – Gave up Being the Leader [*Genesis 35:28 Isaac lived 180 years*]
2. **Rebekah** – Took Matters Into Her Own Hands
3. **Jacob** – Carried Out the Deception
4. **Esau** – Held on to a Bitter Grudge

Genesis 27:41-43

⁴¹ Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. And Esau determined in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob." ⁴² When the words of her older son Esau were reported to Rebekah, she summoned her younger son Jacob and said to him, "Listen, your brother Esau is consoling himself by planning to kill you. ⁴³ So now, my son, listen to me. Flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran."

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Jacob Receives His Father Isaac's Blessing by Disguising Himself as Esau

This Is an Imperfect Picture of How We Receive God the Father's Blessing—Not Through Our Own Merit but by Being Clothed in the Righteousness of Jesus

Galatians 3:27



While Jacob Obtains the Blessing Through Deceit, Jesus Secures Our Blessing Through Truth, Sacrifice, and Obedience

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Jesus in the Story of Jacob the Grabber
Life Lessons

- A Messed-Up Family Produces Misery
- Don't Try to Force God's Plans

Galatians 6:7
Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows that shall he also reap.

- Trust God's Word, Not Your Senses
- Satan Cannot Steal Your Birthright, but He Will Try to Steal Your Blessing

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**Life
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Satan Robs You of God's Blessings by
Using Deception, Doubt, and Distraction

- He Distorts God's Truth
- He Tempts You to Sin
- He Fosters Fear and Discouragement
- He Fills Your Life With Worldly Desires

**By Staying Rooted in Faith, Prayer, and God's Word,
You Can Resist Satan's Schemes and Walk in the Fullness of
God's Blessings**

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