



Lesson 1

Colossians 3:9

Don't lie to one another. You have gotten rid of your old way of life and its habits.

Jacob Takes Esau's Blessing

Genesis 26:34–35; 27:1–41

^{26:34}When Esau was 40 years old, he got married to Judith. She was the daughter of Beerli the Hittite. Esau also married Basemath. She was the daughter of Elon the Hittite. ³⁵Isaac and Rebekah became very upset because Esau had married Hittite women.

^{27:1}Isaac had become old. His eyes were so weak he couldn't see anymore. One day he called for his older son Esau. He said to him, "My son."

"Here I am," he answered.

²Isaac said, "I'm an old man now. And I don't know when I'll die. ³Now then, get your weapons. Get your bow and arrows. Go out to the open country. Hunt some wild animals for me. ⁴Prepare for me the kind of tasty food I like. Bring it to me to eat. Then I'll give you my blessing before I die."

⁵Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. Esau left for the open country. He went to hunt for a wild animal and bring it back. ⁶Then Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Look, I heard your father speaking to your brother Esau. ⁷He said, 'Bring me a wild animal. Prepare some tasty food for me to eat. Then I'll give you my blessing before I die. The Lord will be my witness.'" ⁸Rebekah continued, "My son, listen carefully. Do what I tell you. ⁹Go out to the flock. Bring me two of the finest young goats. I will prepare tasty food for your father. I'll make it just the way he likes it. ¹⁰I want you to take it to your father to eat. Then he'll give you his blessing before he dies."

¹¹Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, "My brother Esau's body is covered with hair. But my skin is smooth. ¹²What if my father touches me? He would know I was trying to trick him. He would curse me instead of giving me a blessing."

¹³His mother said to him, "My son, let the curse be on me. Just do what I say. Go and get the goats for me."

¹⁴So he went and got the goats. He brought them to his mother. And she prepared some tasty food. She made it just the way his father liked it. ¹⁵The clothes of her older son Esau were in her house. She took Esau's best clothes and put them on her younger son Jacob. ¹⁶She covered his hands with the skins of the goats. She also covered the smooth part of his neck with them. ¹⁷Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made.

¹⁸He went to his father and said, "My father."

"Yes, my son," Isaac answered. "Who is it?"

¹⁹Jacob said to his father, "I'm your oldest son Esau. I've done as you told me. Please sit up. Eat some of my wild meat. Then give me your blessing."

²⁰Isaac asked his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?"

"The Lord your God gave me success," he replied.

²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near so I can touch you, my son. I want to know whether you really are my son Esau."

²²Jacob went close to his father. Isaac touched him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob. But the hands are the hands of Esau." ²³Isaac didn't recognize Jacob. Jacob's hands were covered with hair like those of his brother Esau. So Isaac blessed him. ²⁴"Are you really my son Esau?" he asked.

"I am," Jacob replied.

²⁵Isaac said, "My son, bring me some of your wild meat to eat. Then I'll give you my blessing."

Jacob brought it to him. So Isaac ate. Jacob also brought some wine. And Isaac drank. ²⁶Then Jacob's father Isaac said to him, "Come here, my son. Kiss me."

²⁷So Jacob went to him and kissed him. When Isaac smelled the clothes, he gave Jacob his blessing. He said,

"It really is the smell of my son.

It's like the smell of a field
that the Lord has blessed.

²⁸May God give you dew from heaven.

May He give you the richness of the earth.

May He give you plenty of grain and fresh wine.

²⁹May nations serve you.

May they bow down to you.

Rule over your brothers.

May the sons of your mother bow down to you.

May those who curse you be cursed.

And may those who bless you be blessed."

³⁰When Isaac finished blessing him, Jacob left his father. Just then his brother Esau came in from hunting. ³¹He too prepared some tasty food. He brought it to his father. Then Esau said to him, "My father, please sit up. Eat some of my wild meat. Then give me your blessing."

³²His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?"

"I'm your son," he answered. "I'm Esau, your oldest son."

³³Isaac began to shake all over. He said, "Then who hunted a wild animal and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came. I gave him my blessing. And he will certainly be blessed!"

³⁴Esau heard his father's words. Then he yelled loudly and bitterly. He said to his father, "Bless me! Bless me too, my father!"

³⁵But Isaac said, "Your brother came and tricked me. He took your blessing."

³⁶Esau said, "Isn't Jacob just the right name for him? This is the second time he has taken advantage of me. First, he took my rights as the oldest son. And now he's taken my blessing!" Then Esau asked, "Haven't you saved any blessing for me?"

³⁷Isaac answered Esau, "I've made him ruler over you. I've made all his relatives serve him. And I've provided him with grain and fresh wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?"

³⁸Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept loudly.

³⁹His father Isaac answered him,

"You will live far away from the fruit of the earth.

You will live far away from the dew of heaven above.

⁴⁰You will live by using the sword.

And you will serve your brother.

But you will grow restless.

Then you will throw off the heavy load
he has caused you to carry."

⁴¹Esau was angry with Jacob. He was angry because of the blessing his father had given to Jacob. He said to himself, "The days of sorrow over my father's death are near. Then I'll kill my brother Jacob."

Questions

- 1 How old was Esau when he got married? Esau was _____ years old. (Gen. 26:34)
- 2 How many women did Esau marry? Esau married _____ women. (Gen. 26:34)
- 3 What were Esau's two wives' names? Esau's two wives' names were _____ and _____. (Gen. 26:34)
- 4 Why were Isaac and Rebekah *very* upset that Esau married these two women? Isaac and Rebekah were very upset because these two women were _____ women. (Gen. 26:35)



The Hittites worshipped various gods of nature. In other words, these two women did not obey the One and only true God.

- 5 What do you think Esau's relationship with God was like when he married not one but two ungodly women? Esau was living in **d**_____ (opposite of "obedience") to God.
- 6 When Isaac got old, what happened to his eyesight? When Isaac got old, he could no longer _____. (Gen. 27:1)
- 7 When Isaac was getting ready to die, whom did he call to see? Isaac called for his son _____. (Gen. 27:1)
- 8 Why did Isaac call for Esau? Isaac called for Esau because Isaac, before he died, wanted to give his _____ to Esau. (Gen. 27:4)



Remember, when Rebekah was pregnant and her babies struggled with each other inside her, Isaac prayed, and the Lord answered his prayer by telling Rebekah that she would have twins and that the older would serve the younger. This meant that Jacob was the one God chose to receive God's covenant blessing.

- 9 Was Isaac listening to God when Isaac decided to go ahead and give his blessing to Esau instead of Jacob? (Yes/No) _____.
- 10 What did Isaac ask Esau to do for him? Isaac asked Esau to get Esau's _____ and _____, go out to the _____ country, hunt some _____ animals, and prepare for Isaac the kind of _____ food he liked. (Gen. 27:3-4)



Even though Isaac thought he might be dying, he still had an appetite!

- 11 Who was eavesdropping (means "secretly listening") when Isaac spoke to his son Esau? _____ was eavesdropping. (Gen. 27:5)
- 12 When Esau left for the open country to hunt for a wild animal, what did Rebekah tell her son Jacob to do? Rebekah told Jacob to go out to the _____ and bring her _____ of the finest young _____. (Gen. 27:9)
- 13 Why did Rebekah tell Jacob to do this? Rebekah told Jacob to do this because she wanted to **m** _____ tasty food for Isaac just the way he **d** _____ it. She then wanted Jacob to take the food to his father so that Isaac, before he died, would give his blessing to _____, *not* Esau. (Gen. 27:9-10)
- 14 Why didn't Jacob think his mother's plan would work? Jacob didn't think his mother's plan would work because Esau's _____ was covered with _____, but Jacob's skin was _____. Jacob was afraid that if his father _____ him, he would know Jacob was trying to _____ him. (Gen. 27:11-12)
- 15 What was Jacob afraid of? Jacob was afraid that his father would _____ him instead of giving him a blessing. (Gen. 27:12)
- 16 What did Rebekah say to ease Jacob's fear? Rebekah told Jacob she would let the _____ be on her. (Gen. 27:13)



At this time, Jacob, who was not married yet, was around 77 years old, while Isaac, who would live to be 180, was around 137 years old.

- 17 What else did Rebekah tell her son, who was around 77 years old? Rebekah told Jacob to ____ what she _____. (Gen. 27:13)
- 18 Do you think Rebekah's heart was right when she chose to trick her husband, Isaac, and not trust God to bring about His own plan? (Yes/No) _____.

Isaiah 55:8-9

"My thoughts are not like your thoughts. And your ways are not like My ways," announces the Lord. "The heavens are higher than the earth. And My ways are higher than your ways. My thoughts are higher than your thoughts."

- 19 Did Jacob listen to his mother and do what she told him to do? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 27:14)
- 20 Should Jacob, who was around 77 years old, have listened to his mother when she told him to do wrong? (Yes/No) _____.
- 21 What did Rebekah put on Jacob to wear? Rebekah put Esau's _____ clothes on Jacob. (Gen. 27:15)
- 22 What did Rebekah use to cover Jacob's hands and neck? Rebekah covered Jacob's hands and neck with the _____ of the _____. (Gen. 27:16)
- 23 What did Jacob say to his father when Isaac asked who it was? Jacob (means "did not tell the truth") and said he was _____. (Gen. 27:19)
- 24 Did Isaac believe it was Esau right away? (Yes/No) _____. Why not? Isaac didn't believe it was Esau right away because it seemed Esau found the wild meat too _____. (Gen. 27:20)
- 25 What was Jacob's reason as to how he was able to get the wild meat so quickly? Jacob said the _____, Isaac's God, gave Jacob _____. (Gen. 27:20)



Not only did Jacob lie about who he was, he even dragged the Lord into his lie!

- 26 Did Isaac believe now that Jacob was Esau? (Yes/No) _____. (Gen. 27:21)
- 27 What did Isaac ask Jacob to do? Isaac asked Jacob to come _____ so that Isaac could _____ his son. (Gen. 27:21)
- 28 What else was causing Isaac to doubt his son? The _____ Isaac heard was the voice of _____, not Esau. (Gen. 27:22)



Oops, Rebekah forgot about that! Isaac was blind, not deaf.

- 29 What convinced Isaac to finally bless Jacob? When Isaac touched Jacob's _____ and discovered they were covered with _____, Isaac finally blessed Jacob. (Gen. 27:22–23)
- 30 However, what final question did Isaac ask his son just to be sure? Isaac asked his son, “Are you _____ my son Esau?” (Gen. 27:24)
- 31 What did Isaac want to do before he blessed his son? Isaac wanted to _____ first. (Gen. 27:25)



After Isaac ate, he still had his doubts though.

- 32 After Isaac ate and drank, what did he ask Jacob to do? Why? Isaac asked Jacob to _____ him so that Isaac could _____ Jacob's clothes. (Gen. 27:26–27)
- 33 What did Isaac do when he smelled his son's clothes and they smelled like Esau's? Isaac **b** _____ **ed** Jacob. (Gen. 27:27)
- 34 Who came in right after Jacob left? _____ came in. (Gen. 27:30)
- 35 What was Isaac's reaction when he realized he had been tricked? Isaac **OO** _____ (past tense of “shake”) all over. (Gen. 27:33)
- 36 What was Esau's reaction when he realized he would not receive his father's blessing? Esau _____ loudly and _____. (Gen. 27:34)



The name Jacob means “holder of the heel,” but can also mean “supplanter,” or “someone who wrongly takes the place of someone else.”

- 37 How many times did Jacob take advantage of Esau? When? _____ times Jacob took advantage of Esau. The first time was when Jacob took Esau's _____ as the oldest son. The second was when Jacob took Esau's _____. (Gen. 27:36)
- 38 What did Esau do when he realized there was not one blessing left for him? Esau _____ loudly. (Gen. 27:38)
- 39 What did Esau plan to do? Esau planned to _____ Jacob after the days of sorrow over their father's death were over. (Gen. 27:41)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?
