

THE BIRTH RITE

²⁹ And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

³⁰ And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

- prevents and heals inflammation, easily digestible and full of iron and settles the stomach

³¹ And Jacob said, sell me this day thy birthright.

- Seizes what he wants all along, not the spoils but the relationship with his Dad that Esau is enjoying but taking for granted)
- I want the position of the first born that my Father would love me as he loves you

³² And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

- Fatigue will cause you to make decisions you normally would not make if rested and engaged. " Be not weary in well doing"

³³ And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

- no matter what this deal meant to Jacob it was a futile attempt to have the position he wanted that can only be granted by his Father which would be unprecedented. He obviously doesn't know nor Esau what the Supreme Father had decided all ready and revealed to Rebecca.

³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

- How many throw away their Birth -- Rights (Mark Camby)

³⁰ 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.

- The timing of God is impeccable, you have to have the plan and the time to implement the plan. We consider some things God has considered all things.

³¹ 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.

- Not only does Esau hunt the food but he is an excellent cook. Esau had no regard for his birth rite nor does he regard for his own word to Jacob. (Moses)

³² And Isaac his father said unto him, who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

- When we refuse to press into the spirit and walk there we are always prone to confusion. Who are you? Esau announces himself as Isaacs preferred son, your first born, you know the one that hunts and cooks the way you like.

³³ 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.

- Once again the "carnal man cannot perceive the things of the spirit. He just doesn't tremble he trembles exceedingly. He realizes his long felt resentment and plan to override God has been thwarted by God. He knows what was ordained in has now passed to Jacob which he himself had not planned. Instead of what had should have been (deer meat- he got goat didn't know). This whole scene will be played back this time the confused one will be Jacob.

³⁴ 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.

- Exceeding bitter cry- remember, he had only done what his father had asked him to do, in the thing in which he knew he had gained his Father favor and he is now facing a " broken promise." He is hurt by both parents!

35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing. 36 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?

- Isaac blames Jacob for what his wife instigated and declares he stole something that was all ready his! Now Esau says, you rightly named his deceiver (get over artist) Esau acknowledges the vow he had made but was not willing to honor and he is calling Jacob crooked. God always has something leftover!

37 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?

- Isaac compounds the problem instead initially realizing the exhaustible resources of God and the role Esau was to play.

³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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;

- God all along planned to prosper Esau not in the role he intended.

⁴⁰ 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.

- A word of prophecy - You will depend more on force and war than God and his word. You will as a nation give servitude to the tribes or nation of Israel yet to be born-become nations yourself.

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.

- Hatred and bitterness lead to false apparitions and desires. He rejects the blessing God had for him from the womb. His father will be living for quite some time after this "no perception of time only vengeance". He lives to see evil come upon his brother

42 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.

- Where did Esau say this? Then who told her? Mothers know their sons! We falsely believe that the pain of someone else will bring comfort to our lives. Momentarily their is a brief satisfaction of flesh but not the soul and you still be left with torment for not confessing and dealing with this stronghold in your life.

43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to

Haran; ⁴⁴ And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away.

⁴⁵ 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?

- She miscalculates the pain of her son Esau.
" A Few Days"
- Jacob won't even be back in a few years once he sees Rachel.
- This will be the last time he will see his mother.
- Rebekah plainly states if he kills you he in turn will be killed.
- The voice that exposed evil intended against her son also sends him into the next phase of his life.