

**Intro:**

EP: Because Esau despised his birthright, he gave it up in a fleeting moment to Jacob who highly valued the long-term blessing.

HP: Take the blessing.

**Move 1: *Esau had no long-term perspective, grabbing at earthly things that fade quickly.***

Esau means “hairy/rough”. He is a wild man and acts like it, a man of the world:

- Vs. 27, a man of field/hunting. Vs. 29: faintish, due to lack of preparation.
- Vs. 30: word for “feed” command, version of word that means to eat greedily.
- Vs. 30: “Edom”: red. Edomites’ legacy is their father’s worldly greediness that gives up all.
- Vs. 32: “I’m going to die!” Clearly wasn’t. Vs. 34. As soon as eats, up and out.
- What was the problem really? Vs. 33-34: He didn’t appreciate what really mattered.

**Move 2: *Lacking a long-term, heavenly perspective is shaky sand that loses the land.***

READ Hebrews 12:16-17. Esau would have inherited PL and blessing, but squandered it. He is called *profane* for wanting the wrong thing. Why is writer talking about Esau?

- To finish the race of faith. Vss. 1-3, we’re on a marathon.
- Vss. 4-14: Endure Christ’s correction and holy direction.
- Vs. 15: Must not let bitter roots like Esau cause us to quickly give up everything for nothing.
- Satan wants you to be shaken and lose sight of the prize when this it: Hebrews 12:18-29.
- Vs. 17: Esau cried but he could not get back the promise that he gave up for pleasure.

**Move 3: *Jacob focused on acquiring things that matter most and last in the long run.***

Jacob means “heal grabber/supplanter”. Legacy to his sons will be the one who wanted the blessing, went after it, and so gives his sons the promise and blessing with God.

Jacob was “plain”: complete, sound, orderly. Luther, “pious”. Jacob waited, watched, and was ready.

- Vs. 29, prepared and studied (cunning in knowing men). Vs. 31, Takes opportunity.
- Vs. 33: made swear to insure, just as Abraham with well and servant to get Isaac’s wife.
- Vs. 34: Gave what Esau wanted to get what he wanted. God’s prophecy through providence.

**Conclusion:**

HP: Take the blessing.