Hall of Faith

[Faith of Isaac (Heb. 11:20)]

The Operation of Isaac’s Faith

-Birthright: the right of possession or privilege one has from birth, especially as an eldest child

[authority; inheritance (Gen. 25:5, 6; Deut. 21:15-17); blessing]

-Paternal Blessing: the father’s benediction spoken to his eldest son in recognition and confirmation of

his birthright (see Gen. 48, 49)

-OT Passages: Gen. 25:20-34; 26:34, 35; 27:1-40; 28:1-9

How was Isaac’s blessing of his sons an act of faith?

-Isaac’s blessing wasn’t merely a dying father expressing good will or good wishes to his sons. It was

prophecy.

-Isaac regarded his blessing of Jacob as irrevocable (Gen. 27:33).

-Notwithstanding the all the twistings and turnings in the narrative, Isaac spoke, in faith, of things to

come regarding his sons. He did so in accordance with the word of God.

Practical Lessons

1) The Bible is a very realistic book.

2) God calls us to embrace His will by faith, even when the path of faith runs counter to the nearest and dearest

of earthly ties.

3) Esau is a paradigm of an unbeliever.