


## Genesis 27:1-46

"Strife in the Family" is what this chapter should be entitled.

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- 1 ¶ **And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said to him, My son: and he said to him, Behold, *here am I*.** "And it came to pass" opens many chapters in the Old Testament. If you are having trials and tribulations, remember "and it came to pass". At this time Isaac is so old he can't see well.
- 2 **And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:**
- 3 **Now therefore take, I pray you, your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and take me *some* venison;**
- 4 **And make me savory meat, such as I love, and bring *it* to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless you before I die.** Here Isaac is old, infirm, can't see, sitting in his tent. He's chosen one son over the other, chosen Esau over Jacob. Esau is a masculine man and Jacob is a wimpy intellectual. God told Isaac to give blessing to Jacob, but Isaac goes against what God said and chooses Esau.
- 5 **And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* venison, *and to bring it*.** Mom is looking out for her favorite child. Isaac likes Esau better because he's a good hunter and provider, but Mom (Rebekah) prefers Jacob and she protects him.
- 6 ¶ **And Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying,**
- 7 **Bring me venison, and make me savory meat, that I may eat, and bless you before the LORD before my death.** This blessing from the patriarch father had great meaning. It means there are two sons in this family, and at the death of the father they would divide the estate into 3 portions: 2 for Esau and 1 for Jacob. It was always divided 2 portions to the eldest and 1 portion to each of the remaining sons. Remember, Isaac was very wealthy.
- 8 **Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command you.**
- 9 **Go now to the flock, and fetch me from there two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savory meat for your father, such as he loves:** Rebekah is going to trick Isaac and feed him goat meat instead of venison.
- 10 **And you shall bring *it* to your father, that he may eat, and that he may bless you before his death.**
- 11 **And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man:**
- 12 **My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.** Hey ma, if I get caught doing this my father is going to curse me. This meant he wouldn't get any inheritance. This was serious business.
- 13 **And his mother said to him, Upon me *be* your curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me *them*.**
- 14 **And he went, and fetched, and brought *them* to his mother: and his mother made savory meat, such as his father loved.**
- 15 **And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which *were* with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:** Raiment means Best Clothes. Rebekah went and got Esau's best clothes and put them on Jacob.
- 16 **And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:** Esau must have been a very hairy man all over!

- 17 **And she gave the savory meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.**
- 18 ¶ **And he came to his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am* I; who *Are* you, my son?**  
Here's the deception in the family.
- 19 **And Jacob said to his father, I *am* Esau your firstborn; I have done according as you had told me: arise, I pray you, sit and eat of my venison, that your soul may bless me.**
- 20 **And Isaac said to his son, How *is it* that you have found *it* so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD your God brought *it* to me.** Isaac said you really got that hunt over so quickly! Look at the lies going on in this family. They are special to God, but they are still human and they still do the things that humans do.
- 21 **And Isaac said to Jacob, Come near, I pray you, that I may feel you, my son, whether you *be* my very son Esau or not.**
- 22 **And Jacob went near to Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice *is* Jacob's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau.**
- 23 **And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.** Isaac gave Jacob the family blessing.
- 24 **And he said, *Are* you my very son Esau? And he said, I *am*.** Boy, Jacob really has a way of lying. One lie begets more lies. That's the way it goes.
- 25 **And he said, Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless you. And he brought *it* near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.**
- 26 **And his father Isaac said to him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.** Lot of sons don't kiss their dads anymore. It's an innocent tradition.
- 27 **And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a field which the LORD had blessed:** The clothes tricked Isaac again. That mom knew what she was doing.
- 28 **Therefore God give you of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:** Here comes the blessing.
- 29 **Let people serve you, and nations bow down to you: be lord over your brethren, and let your mother's sons bow down to you: cursed *be* every one that curses you, and blessed *be* he that blesses you.** Isaac carries on the curses and blessings that God gave Abraham, and this is still true today. If you bless Israel, you will be blessed. If you curse Israel, you will be cursed.
- 30 ¶ **And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet barely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.** Jacob got out just in time before Esau came in with his venison.
- 31 **And he also had made savory meat, and brought it to his father, and said to his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that your soul may bless me.**
- 32 **And Isaac his father said to him, Who *Are* you? And he said, I *am* your son, your firstborn Esau.**
- 33 **And Isaac trembled greatly, and said, Who? Where *is* he that had taken venison, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before you came, and have blessed him? Yea *and* he shall be blessed.** At this point Isaac realizes what he had done and he started shaking with fear. Isaac told Esau he already gave his blessing and it can't be redone. Jacob got the blessing and not Esau.
- 34 **And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said to his father, Bless me, *even* me also, O my father.** Esau screamed out in anger at what had been done.
- 35 **And he said, Your brother came with trickery, and had taken away your blessing.** Now Isaac knows exactly what happened.
- 36 **And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? For he had supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he had taken away my blessing. And he said, have you not**

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- reserved a blessing for me? Remember Jacob means "Heel Snatcher". Jacob stole two things from Esau: His birthright and his blessing. Esau didn't care about the birthright, but he wanted his inheritance! Esau asks for any other blessing Isaac may have for him.
- 37 And Isaac answered and said to Esau, Behold, I have made him your 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 to you, my son?** Whether Esau likes it or not, Jacob is now his boss. Isaac is sorry, but he's already given the best blessing. Jacob will rule the family and servants after Isaac dies.
- 38 And Esau said to his father, Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, *even me also*, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.** The reality of his lifestyle and him not caring about spirituality and only caring about the world has brought him: nothing. This is an example for us Christians. Care about the spirits and not the world and you will be blessed.
- 39 And Isaac his father answered and said to him, Behold, your dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;** What Isaac is telling Esau is not a blessing but a prophecy. You are going to be a wild man living in the woods with his 2 Canaanite wives.
- 40 And by your sword shall you live, and shall serve your brother; and it shall come to pass when you shall have the dominion, that you shall break his yoke from off your neck.** He will have to live by fighting and still be ruled by Jacob. But in the future, your descendants will break free from Jacob's descendants.
- 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 kill my brother Jacob.** Esau hates Jacob now, fiercely.
- 42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said to him, Behold, your brother Esau, as touching you, to comfort himself, *planning to kill you*.** Rebekah hears everything. Esau is going around everyday planning to kill Jacob as soon as his dad dies.
- 43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee you to Laban my brother to Haran;**
- 44 And stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury turn away;**
- 45 Until your brother's anger turn away from you, and he forget *that* which you have done to him: then I will send, and fetch you from there: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?** She says listen: if he kills you, they'll kill him, and I won't have any sons. Go stay with your uncle for a while. Jacob never sees him again because she dies before he comes back. It's sad because they cooked up their own scheme instead of letting God handle it as He said. Instead of trusting God, she lost her son and caused all this strife.
- 46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these *which are* of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?** Jacob is a real con artist, but at Uncle Laban he is thrust into a real con artist's den. He'll be conned like he conned others. He'll learn some lessons the hard way. Christians, take these lessons to heart and live as best you can.