

Jacob's Lie
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Genesis 27:1-30, 41-46

What can we learn from Jacob's Lie?

1) That we are to trust God no matter what?

The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." **Genesis 25:23**

This was the last thing the Lord told Rebekah that we read about. She knew, and most likely the whole family knew of what the Lord had told her would happen. They most likely knew because of the scheming that was taken place!

What was the last thing God told you to do? Are you doing it? Are you trying to help God out?

Instead of taking the Lord at His word, Rebekah took plans into her own hands!

"She acted on sincerity of faith, but crooked policy." Jamieson-Fausset-Brown commentary.

2) The sins of parents clearly affect each other and the children!

Isaac

-Remember he was the promise God gave Abraham that would be carried through him.

-He trusted his dad and God as they walked up the mountain to make the sacrifice that could have been him.

-He trusted God for a wife

The deception of Isaac

Not trusting or choosing to forget what God said

Going against God's plan

He didn't communicate or bring his wife into the mix

The lack of trust and desire of control of Rebekah (vs. 8-9). This leads to:

Jacob's 1st lie- vs. 19

Jacob's 2nd lie- vs. 20

Jacob's 3rd lie vs. 24

We may put our spouse in a difficult situation because we fail to trust God, follow Him, and be honest and open. Both parents did this.

This also affects our kids, we see this here:

3) The cost of one's sin is far reaching and unknown...there shouldn't be and can't be calculated results.

Jacob is sent off because of the anger of Esau because of what Jacob did (27:45) Jacob was running for his life. This was all because Rebekah had come up with a plan to help God out!

Jacob stays on the run for a while (Laban)

Rebekah had no idea that this would be the last time she would see her son Jacob, the son which she loved!

4) God's plan always prevails, it can either be in spite of us or because of our obedience!

We can't really presume how God's plan of Esau serving Jacob would have panned out but because God said it we know it would.

Jacob is "blessed again" Genesis 28:1-5

I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. Job 42:2-3

God wants innocent obedience, obedience that says I am following and loving God no matter what, not for me or what I want but to know God.

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:3

Are you trusting God? How is your obedience or your disobedience (trusting) affecting your spouse, kids, grandkids? Just how far reaching is your obedience or disobedience? God's plan will prevail, it can either be in spite of you or because of your obedience!