

Jacob and Esau- Genesis 25:19-34

Vital truths!

1) **Don't try to help God, He doesn't need it!** Genesis 25:29-34

"No doubt, Rebekah told all this to her husband Isaac; and later when the time was appropriate, she told it to Jacob and perhaps even to Esau" (Henry Morris, The Genesis Record).

Jacob was in a sense trying to help God, he was thinking maybe God couldn't make it happen (younger serve older) or maybe He was taking to long?

Before we act, we should first consider scripture and talk to God!

Follow God's heart, don't try to help Him out!

We will see next week that when humans try and make things happen and help God out it turns ugly! God can and will still use it but He doesn't need help, he wants and needs obedience!

2) **Don't show favoritism!** Genesis 25:28

James 2:1-4 *My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?*

3) **Don't trust your plan, trust God's** Genesis 25:23

This is the beginning of God's chosen people, Israel! Jesus would come through Jacob's line!

Malachi 1:2-3 *I have loved you," says the LORD. "But you ask, 'How have you loved us?' "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.*

Romans 9:11-13 also.

"Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with

the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility". Baptist Faith and Message

John 3:14 *Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.*

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

We have choice, free will; response! Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20

"Do you feel yourself to be a lost, guilty sinner? Go straightway to the cross of Christ, and tell Jesus so, and tell Him that you have read in the Bible, 'Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.' Tell Him that He has said, 'This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.' Look to Jesus and believe on Him, and you shall make proof of your election directly, for so surely as thou believest, thou art elect. If you will give yourself wholly up to Christ and trust Him, then you are one of God's chosen ones; but if you stop and say, 'I want to know first whether I am elect,' you ask you know not what. Go to Jesus, be you never so guilty, just as you are. Leave all curious inquiry about election alone. Go straight to Christ and hide in His wounds" (Charles Spurgeon).

4) **Don't build a life of regret**

Seeking temporary satisfaction and short term gain vs. God's big picture and blessings!

Hebrews 12:16-17 *See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.*

May we choose wisely, not foolishly!

Don't allow temporary moments of "insanity" to become a way of life! Rather, stop and seek God!

Love the Lord your God with all you have!!!!