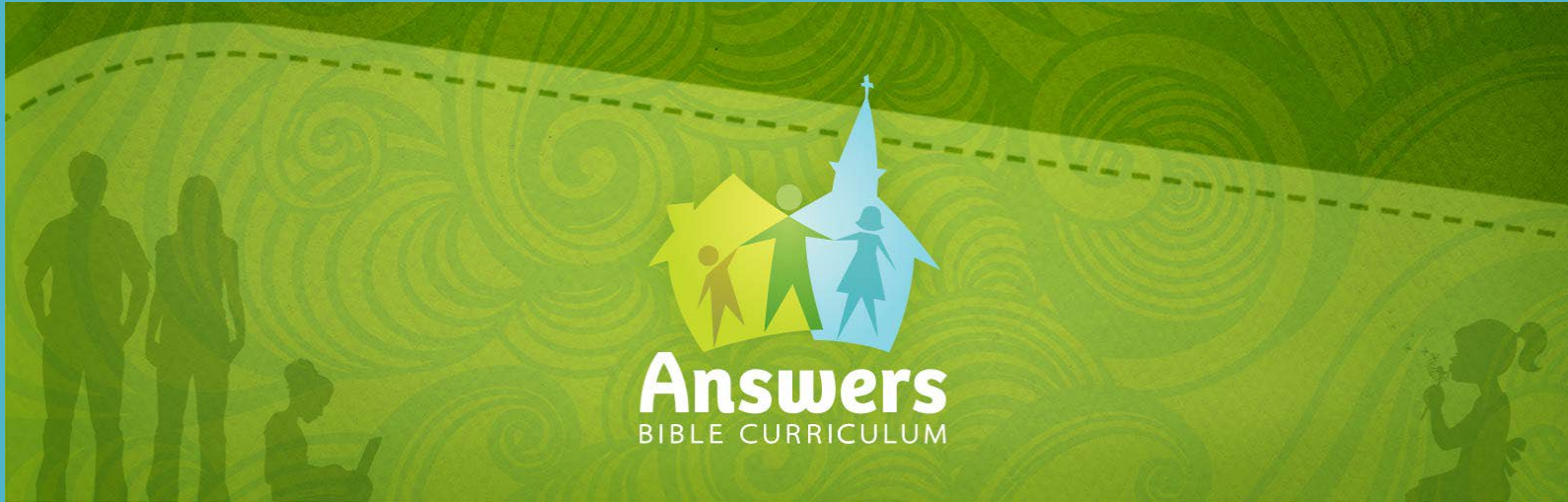


Patriarchs of the Promise

Lesson 9: Jacob Steals the Blessing



Proverbs 3:5–6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths. (ESV)

Genesis 27:1-17, Observation



Isaac's Age in Genesis 27

Jacob is 130 when he appears before Pharaoh in year 2 year of Joseph's prophesied 7 years of famine or 9 years after Joseph begins serving Pharaoh (Genesis 45:6, 9; 47:9).

Joseph begins serving Pharaoh at age 30 during year 1 of the 7 prophesied years of plenty (Genesis 41:25–36, 46).

Joseph was born at the end of Jacob's 14 years of service for his two wives and before Jacob began serving another 6 years for new wages (Genesis 30:25–28; 31:41).

Thus, Joseph was born 14 years after Jacob stole the blessing, fled Canaan, arrived in Haran, and began serving Laban (Genesis 29:13–20) .

Joseph must have been 39 years old when he brought 130-year-old Jacob to Egypt.

Thus, Jacob must have been 91 years old when Joseph was born.

Thus, Jacob must have been 77 when he stole the blessing and fled to Haran.

If Jacob and Esau were born when Isaac was 60 (Genesis 25:26), then how old was Isaac when Jacob fled?

Genesis 27:1-17, Observation

Isaac is old; much time has passed

Isaac wants to settle issue of blessing

Food request

Rebekah's plan for the blessing to come to Jacob

Jacob's disguise



Genesis 27:18-27, 28-29, Observation

Jacob's identity tested five times

Jacob's lies

Success: the blessing comes to Jacob!

Blessing of land prosperity, dominance, and blessing/curse reciprocity

Isaac's desires foiled



Genesis 27: 30-40, 41-46

Observation

Isaac's realization

Isaac's surety of the blessing

Esau's anguish

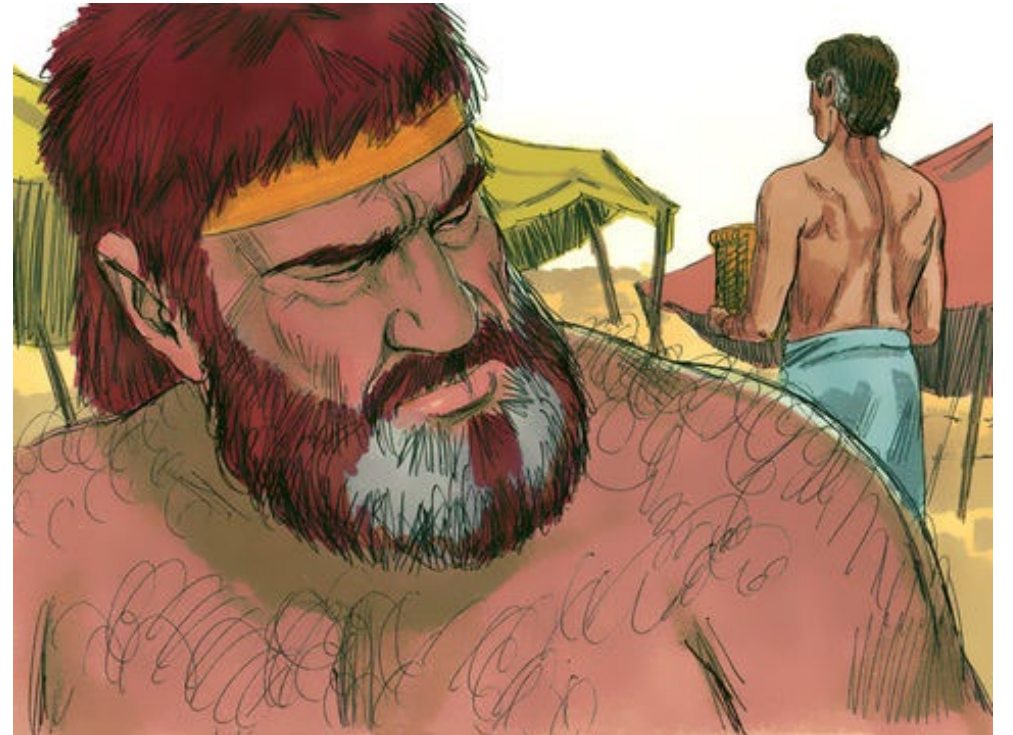
An exclusive blessing

Prophecy over Esau

Esau's murderous intent

Rebekah's plan

Rebekah's excuse



Interpretation

What was so special about Isaac's blessing?

Was what Rebekah and Jacob did wrong?

What did Jacob and Rebekah gain by trying to fulfill God's promise in a sinful way?

Why did God choose to accomplish His will this way?

How is what happened fair?

Main Idea: Trust God and do not turn to your own sinful efforts to provide for yourself.

Application

1. What are some situations in which Christians today are tempted to use sinful means to obtain what God has already promised?
2. What is the difference between being too passive and waiting on the Lord in faith?
3. Where in your life are you tempted to grasp sinfully for what God has already promised to give you?

Questions?