

# Gn.25 . . . 27 . . . 28

- What did Esau *seek*?
- What did Esau *sell*?
- What did Esau *see*? (Gn.28:6-9)
  - Hb.12:16-17

# What Esau Saw

(Hb.12:16-17)

I. Profanity does  
not pay, 16

# “Profane”

- Unholy; godless; disregards what is sacred; ‘totally worldly.’
- Pro·fane –
  - Pro (*before*) + fanum (*temple*)
  - Worldly minded; no interest in spiritual things; unspiritual.

# Profane

- 1 Tim.1<sup>9</sup> the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane...
- Hb.12<sup>16</sup> lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright
  - Traded birthright for bowl of food
  - Momentary, physical pleasure over spiritual blessings
    - Ct. Moses, Hb.11:24-26

# People think little of God's greatest blessings

- Marriage
- Church
  - Hb.12:12-15 – *Christians* warned against profane life
  - 1 Co.10:12
- Souls. Jn.8<sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad
  - Esau: third generation – could not see past carnal things

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II. Choices bring  
consequences, 16-17

## Afterward . . . rejected (16-17)

- Esau: “I’m hungry. What good is a vague future blessing if I starve to death?”
- Esau lived for the *here and now*.
- Wrong view of God, people, world, eternity.
- “If only I could go back in time, I would change things.”

Spouse

Children

Assemblies

Souls

Bible



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II. Choices bring consequences, 16-17

III. Repentance cannot undo  
the past, 17

## “No place of repentance”

- Ep.4<sup>26</sup> Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup> nor give place to the devil.
  - Place: opportunity, possibility, chance...
- 1. In himself? (Gn.27)
  - Hb.12 does not reject sincere repentance.
  - But repentance would not change consequences of his choices.
  - Samson – bound by bad choices...
  - “You’ve made your bed...”

# “No place of repentance”

– Place: opportunity, possibility, chance...

## 2. In Isaac? (Gn.27)

– ASV: ‘he found no place for a change of mind *in his father.*’

## “No place of repentance”

– Place: opportunity, possibility, chance...

### 3. In the blessing? (Gn.27:33...38)

– Attitude toward one meal sealed his fate.

– Mouse eats cheese in trap...

– Ec.11:3

– Can't unring a bell

– Judas, Mt.27:3-10

– Hb.12:17, he sought *it* diligently with tears  
[*the blessing*]

## “No place of repentance”

- Every sin can be forgiven . . . but consequences may last forever
  - Acts 2:36ff.
  - Ac.16:31-34

# Esau:

- Not perfect, but made changes
- Esau wanted to please his parents
- Esau was swift to anger...but did not kill Jacob
- Esau tried to refuse Jacob's gifts (Gn.33:9)
- Esau forgave Jacob (Gn.35:29)
- BUT no virtue could erase his sinful choice about the birthright

Some try to undo past sins with charity work

I. Profanity does not pay, 16

II. Choices bring consequences, 16-17

III. Repentance cannot undo past, 16f.

IV. **Devices that disappoint,**  
17

# Blame others

- Esau could blame . . .
  - Jacob (temptation)
  - Rebekah (less love)
  - Isaac (would not bless him as he wished)
  - God (put him in this family)
- Blame game never works – Harvard ? ?



Blame others  
Shame others

- Tears do not change anything for Esau
- Lk.13<sup>28</sup> There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.

Blame others  
Shame others  
Name others

- “Do you know who my father is?”
- Not even Isaac can deliver him.
- **Mt.3<sup>9</sup>** do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

# Hebrews 12 context: pain and perseverance

- Some ridicule hope of heaven (pie in sky)
- Others want to go to heaven but are addicted to present blessings – like Esau

