

The Carnal Brother

1. The mind of Esau

1. Esau focused on the physical (Genesis 25:30).
2. Jacob took advantage of that (Genesis 25:31).
3. Esau's true character revealed (Genesis 25:32).
4. Esau over exaggerated (Genesis 25:27-29).
5. Esau is profane (Hebrews 12:16).
6. If my mind is carnal I will fail like Esau (1 John 2:15-16).
7. If my mind is carnal I will forget about the value of my soul (Matthew 16:26).

2. The carelessness of Esau

1. Sold his birthright.
 1. Genesis 25:33
 2. While yes he was deceived, it was still the actions of Esau that caused his failure.
2. Satisfied his hunger.
 1. Genesis 25:34.
 2. Imagine the decision of giving away your inheritance for a bowl of chili.
3. Sought inheritance in sadness
 1. Hebrews 12:17
 2. Like sin that soup gave unto Esau no lasting satisfaction.
 3. He had to live with the sorry of losing everything.

3. Put to work

1. If you choose sin you are willingly selling the most important thing in your life (your soul).
2. You may get temporary satisfaction but will hunger again.
3. Sin not only provides only temporary satisfaction but also long lasting consequences and struggles.

Journey To Jesus



Lesson Six

A Despised Birthrite

Outline

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The Birthright

1. The Birthright was of Great importance in ancient times.

2. There were as many as 5 benefits for being the firstborn son and receiving the birthright.

1. He was especially dedicated to God (Exodus 22:29).
2. He was next in honor to his parents (Genesis 49:3).
3. He received a double portion of the inheritance (Deuteronomy 21:17).
4. He would succeed his father in family government (2 Chronicles 21:3).
5. Until the Levites became priests, the firstborn would lead the family in their spiritual relationship to God (Numbers 8:15-18).

3. The worst trade in history

1. This was trading all of these many blessings that were too be offered, for a bowl of soup.
2. A mistake that was made thousands of years ago is still being read about today, because of the foolishness of Esau.

The Crafty Brother

1. Esau was hunting for food for his family

1. Genesis 25:27-28
2. It would be Jacobs plan to distract him from that responsibility.

2. Esau was hungry and distracted

1. Genesis 25:29
2. At this point he was probably both physically and emotionally weak.

3. Jacob took opportunity of Esau's weakness

1. Jacob was a deceiver and his name indicated such.
 1. Jacob means heel catcher or supplanter
 2. Genesis 25:26
2. Jacob was there cooking a pot of bean soup.
 1. Genesis 25:29
 2. The soup wasn't worth much but cost a lot.

4. Put to work

1. Christians are working in the field of God for a real reward (John 6:27).
2. We may remember what is behind instead of forgetting (Philippians 3:13).
3. Satan will come in times of weakness (Matthew 4:2-3).