

## The Promised Blessing > Genesis 27:1-46

**27:1-13** *How to get a blessing:* Rebekah overhears Isaac's plan to bless Esau (the older son). While Esau is out hunting, she concocts a plan for Jacob to get the blessing instead.

**27:14-25** *Anything to be blessed:* Jacob goes through with the plan and convinces Isaac that he is, in fact, Esau.

**27:26-29** *The blessing given:* Isaac's blessing consists of several parts, but most important is the fact that it continues forward the covenant first given to Abraham.

**27:30-40** *No blessing left:* Esau returns and the whole plot unravels. Isaac has no blessing left for his older son other than what ends up being little better than a curse.

**27:41-46** *Escaping with the blessing:* Esau's anger at Jacob is such that Rebekah sends Jacob away, ultimately with the idea of his marrying well (in contrast to Esau's poor marriages).

**Context:** Much of this story depends upon the understanding that the Abrahamic covenant *will* be fulfilled (in spite of all the unnecessary human scheming) and the fact that Jacob is the rightful heir of the blessing (**25:23**) rather than Esau.

**Aim:** To see that God's purpose will hold firm even in spite of the wicked scheming and planning of sinful human beings.

**Gospel:** Jesus rescues us in spite of ourselves. In God's sovereign plans, He gives us the blessing we don't deserve.

**Applications:** God uses broken people – even you and I. This doesn't give us a license to sin, but instead should make us thankful and orient our worship to Him all the more.

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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