

6. Have you ever been tempted to give up a gift from God for something of immediate pleasure? What desires tempt you now if any? How does Esau's example encourage you to resist such temptations?

7. "Immediate pleasure often loses sight of the future" (Life Application Study Bible, p. 47). "Those who cannot see beyond the moment forfeit their future" (Lawrence Richards, The Bible Reader's Companion, p. 40). What are some ways to keep the future in front of you when faced with these temptations?

Let's Pray:

Katie Sprecher - Mission Impact, Guatemala

Pray as she continues her on-line college studies with Moody Bible Institute and God's protection as she goes out and about during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Pray that Christians all around the world will lead with a joyous generosity to meet the financial and material needs around them (Luke 3:10-11; 2 Cor. 8:2).

Pray for God's provision as the threats of food shortages looms (1 Tim. 6:8).

Pray for the protection of our missions staff around the globe from "those who are disobedient" (Rom. 15:30-33) and for God's provision as they minister to more people with fewer resources (Phil. 4:10-13).

Sermon Notes

"Profane Esau"
Genesis 25:19-34
May 10, 2020

Introduction

Esau and Jacob (25:21-34)

<p><u>Series Reading Schedule</u> Apr 26 (break from series) May 3 – Gen 24 May 10 – Gen 25 May 17 – Gen 27 May 24 – TBA</p>
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Definition of "Profane":

The Profane Person ...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Conclusion

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 05-10-20

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., *Life Change Series: Genesis*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, p. 151-153.

Getting Started:

1. Parents: What do you remember about the birth of your children?

Digging Deeper:

Read Genesis 25:19-34

Study Notes

Esau (25:25). Sounds like “hairy.” His other name **Edom** (25:30) sounds like “red.”

Jacob (25:26). Literally, “May he be at the heels”; in other words, “May God be your rearguard [protector].” But the name could also be taken as describing a person who dogs another’s steps, supplants, deceives, or betrays. In a good sense, it could name a man who holds tenaciously to his goals and duties.

(Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., *Life Change Series: Genesis*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, p. 152)

2. God told Rebekah what his plan was for her children (Gen. 25:22-23). What was it?
3. Describe Esau’s character and values from the following passages:

a. Gen. 25:27, 29-34

b. Gen. 26:34-35; 28:6-9

c. Hebrews 12:16-17; Consider Philippians 3:18-19

4. Did God or Jacob cheat Esau out of an inheritance he deserved? Why or why not?
5. Review the 4 principles regarding profane people from the sermon.
 - a. Have you experienced the “day when emptiness dawns,” when that which you were pursuing for satisfaction left you empty? Describe that.
 - b. Have you seen the tendency within to justify your behavior to yourself, or to persuade yourself that this “trade” is worth the cost? In what situations?