

WHY DID CREATOR GOD CHOOSE JACOB?**GENESIS 25:20-34 & 27:1-41**

25:20 Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah. 21 But Rebekah could not have children. So Isaac prayed to Creator God for her. Then God answered Isaac's prayer, and Rebekah became pregnant. 23 And God said to Rebekah, "Two nations are inside you. And the older son will serve the younger son – the younger son will rule the older son."

24 Rebekah gave birth to twins. 25 The first boy's name was Esau. 26 Then Esau's brother came out – and the younger brother was grabbing Esau's heel. So the younger brother was named Jacob ("he grabs the heel" or "deceiver"). Isaac was 60 years old when the twins were born.

27 The boys grew up. Esau became a very good hunter – he liked the prairie. But Jacob was a quiet man – he stayed near the tents. 28 Isaac loved Esau, because Isaac liked to eat wild meat. But Rebekah loved Jacob.

Esau's Bad Decision

29 One day Jacob was cooking stew – and Esau came back from the prairie – and Esau was very hungry. 30 Esau said to Jacob, "Quick! Give me some stew. I'm very hungry!" 31 Jacob answered, "First, sell your oldest son's inheritance to me." 32 Esau said, "I'm very hungry – so I will die soon! I don't need my inheritance." 33 So Esau sold his inheritance to Jacob. 34 So Esau hated his inheritance – he sold it for a bowl of stew. Then Jacob gave the stew to Esau – and Esau ate it, then stood up and walked away.

Jacob Cheats His Brother Esau

27:1 When Isaac was old, his eyes were bad – and he could not see. Isaac said to his oldest son Esau, 2 "I am an old man. Maybe I will die soon. 3 So get your bow and arrows – and go out to the prairie and hunt a wild animal for me. 4 Then make the delicious food that I like to eat. I will eat it – then I will bless you before I die. (You are my oldest son, so I will give you my special blessing – the blessing is about your future.)" 5 So Esau went out to the prairie.

5 But Rebekah was listening – she heard what Isaac said to Esau. 6 So Rebekah said to her son Jacob, 7 "Your father will bless your brother Esau – he will bless Esau before God. 9 So, go and bring me two young goats. I will make some delicious food for your father – I will make food that he loves. 10 Then you take the food to your father. He will eat it – then your father will bless you before he dies."

17 Then she gave the delicious food to Jacob. 25 So Jacob brought the food to his father – and Isaac ate it. 27 Then Isaac blessed Jacob: 28 "God give you much grain and new wine. 29 Nations will serve you and bow down to you. Rule over your brothers – your brothers will bow down to you. People who curse you will be cursed – and people who bless you will be blessed."

30 Isaac finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob left his father. Just then, Esau came in from hunting. 31 Esau also made delicious food – and he brought it to his father. Esau said, “My father, eat my wild meat – then bless me.” 32 Isaac said, “Who are you?” Esau answered, “I am your oldest son Esau.”

33 Then Isaac trembled very hard. And Isaac said, “Who came in before you? I blessed him – and he will certainly be blessed.” [All the special blessing goes to one son.]

34 Then Esau cried a loud, bitter cry, “Bless me – bless me, too, my father!” 35 But Isaac said, “Your brother came and he lied and he took your blessing.”

41 Esau hated Jacob because Jacob got the blessing from his father. Esau said to himself, “My father will die soon. Then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

CONTENT QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When did God choose Jacob? (Genesis 25:23)

Had Jacob done anything good or bad?

Before the twins were born – before the twins did anything good or bad – God said to Rebekah, “The older son will serve the younger son.” So it does not depend on what we do – it depends on God. Romans 9:11-12

Why do you think God chose Jacob?

God says, “I loved Jacob.” Malachi 1:2

Who chooses? Do we choose God? Or does God choose us?

Creator God does whatever he wants – God does what he wants in heaven and on earth. Psalm 135:6

God said, “I will love the person I want to love.” Exodus 33:19

So, it does not depend on what we want – and it does not depend on what we do. But it depends on God’s kindness to us. Romans 9:16

Jesus said, “You did not choose me. But I chose you.” John 15:16

So what should we do?

If God can do whatever he wants...
and if God can choose anyone that he wants...
how should we respond to God?

A man prayed to God. The man did not even look up to heaven – but he felt very sad and very sorry. And he said, “God, I am a sinner – please be kind to me.” So God forgave that man – God made him good. Luke 18:13-14

Jesus said, “Whoever comes to me I will never push away.” John 6:37

Often, getting married is the same:

A man chooses the woman he wants to marry.
He chooses her because she is the woman that he wants.
There are many women in the world, but he focuses on her.
He is free to choose anyone – but he loves her.
Hopefully, she is happy to be chosen.
He could have chosen A or B or C – but he chose her.
Then she must respond to his choice.
She doesn’t ask him, “Why didn’t you choose A or B or C or ... ?”

No. She thinks, “He chose me!”
Hopefully she is happy to be chosen by him – and says yes.

We are Jesus Christ's **bride** – if we believe in Jesus.

Like a bridegroom is very happy about his bride, God is very happy about you. Isaiah 62:5

You are engaged to one husband – he is Jesus Christ. So you must be pure. 2 Corinthians 11:2

- What did Esau sell? (Genesis 25:33)
- Why did he sell his inheritance? (verses 32 & 34)
- What did Esau sell his inheritance for? (verse 34)

What do you think of Esau's **character**?

Do not be like Esau – he was evil – he did not follow God. Esau was the oldest son, but he sold his inheritance for one bowl of stew.

Hebrew 12:16

Why was it bad to sell his inheritance?

What should we do with our inheritance from God?

You believe in Jesus Christ, so you are God's sons. Galatians 3:26

16We are God's children. 17So we will inherit – we will inherit from God – and we will inherit with Jesus Christ. Romans 8:16-17

1, 5Creator God said, “I am making everything new – a New Heaven and a New Earth. 7You will inherit all this – and I will be your God, and you will be my son. You will inherit all this if you have victory”...56-57over sin and death through Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:1, 5, 7 ... 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

Jacob did a very bad thing. But will God change his plan (Genesis 25:23)?
Will God's love for Jacob change?

Over 1000 years later, God **still** says:
I chose Jacob.

Isaiah 41:8

What is God's promise to us forever – if we believe in Jesus?

Nothing in heaven and earth can separate us from God's love – this love is in Jesus Christ. Romans 8:39

look deeper	もっと深く考えてみよう
why	なぜ、どうして
Creator God	創造者、想像主
choose - chose - chosen	選ぶ
Jacob	ヤコブ（アブラハムの孫、イスラエルの12部族の父）
Isaac	イサク（アブラハムの息子）
when	その時、という時に、いつ
marry	結婚する
Rebekah	リベカ（イサクの妻）
but	しかし
could not	できなかった
children	子供たち
so	だから、それで、それに従って、そのためには、そんなに
pray	祈る
for	のために
then	そして、その場合、その時、そしたら、それなら
answer	答える、（祈りを）叶う
prayer	祈り
become - became - became	になる、なる
pregnant	妊娠する
nation	国
inside	中に
older	年上
son	息子
serve	仕える
young / younger / youngest	若い・より若い・もっとも若い
rule	支配する
give birth - gave birth - given birth	生む
twins	二子
first	第一、一番目、最初、まず、初めに、最初の

Esau	エサウ（ヤコブの兄）
brother	兄弟、兄、弟
come out - came out - come out	出る、出て来る
grab	つかむ
heel	かかと
name	名付ける
deceiver	詐欺師、欺瞞者
is born - was born - has been born	生まれる
grow up - grew up - grown up	大きくなる、成長する
very	非常に
good - better - best	良い・より良い・最も良い、正しい
hunter	猟師
like	好き、好む
prairie	野原、原
quiet	静かな、穏やかな
stay	いる、止まる
near	近く
tent	天幕
love	愛する、愛
because	～のため、～のせい、なぜなら
wild	野生
meat	肉
bad	悪い
decision	決定、決断、決意
one day	ある日
cook	調理する
stew	鍋物、シチュー
come back - came back - come back	戻って来る
from	から
hungry	飢える、空腹

quick	急いで、早く
give - gave - given	上げる、下さる、献げる、与える、差し上げる
some	ある分、何人か、いくらか
sell - sold - sold	売る
inheritance	遺産
die	死ぬ
soon	すぐに
need	必要とする、しなければならない
hate	憎む
bowl	ボウル、一杯
walk away	立ち去る、離れる
cheat	騙す
old	古い、年寄り、年を取った
eye	目
see - saw - seen	見る、見える
man (1 man / 2 men)	男の人
maybe	もしかしたら
get - got - gotten	受ける、もらう、得る、になる
bow	弓
arrow	矢
go out - went out - gone out	出る、出かける
hunt	狩る
animal	動物
delicious	美味しい
food	食べ物、食糧
eat - ate - eaten	食べる
bless	祝福する
before	前
special	特別な
blessing	祝福

about	について、約
future	将来、未来
listen	(わざと) 聞く
hear - heard - heard	聞く
before (God)	(神の) 前
bring - brought - brought	連れてくる、持ってくる
goat	山羊
take - took - taken	取る、受ける、奪う
much	大いに
grain	穀物
new	新しい
wine	ぶどう酒、ワイン
bow down	ひれ伏す
over	の上を、の上に、より
people (1 person / 2 people)	人々
finish	終える
leave - left - left	離れる、出ていく
just	ちょうど
also	また、も、それに
tremble	震える
hard	激しいく
certainly	確かに
cry	泣く、叫ぶ
loud	大きな音
bitter	苦い、苦痛な
too	も
lie	嘘をつく
to himself	彼自身に（独り言、心の中で）
kill	殺す

had done	やったことがある
anything	なんでも
depend on	による
think - thought - thought	思う、考える
whatever	なんでも、全体
want	欲しい、欲しが、望む、求める、やりたい
heaven	天国
earth	地、地球
kindness	親切心、親切、親切さ
should	すべき、起こるべき
if	もし
anyone	誰でも、誰か、一人でも
respond	応じる、答える、反応する
even	さえ、でも
feel - felt - felt	感じる
sad	悲しい
sorry	後悔、悔い
sinner	悪い思いを思い、言葉を言い、行いをする人。罪人
kind	親切、親切にする
forgive - forgave - forgiven	赦す
make - made - made	造る、作る、させる
whoever	誰でも
come - came - come	来る
push away	追い出す、追い払う
often	しばしば、たびたび
get married - got married - gotten married	結婚する
same	同じ
many	多くの、大勢の
focus	注目する、集中する
hopefully	有望を持って、うまくいけば
happy	嬉しい、喜ぶ、幸せだ

must	しなければならない
bride	花嫁
bridegroom	花婿
engaged	婚約する
pure	清い、純粋
character	性格、人格、善悪を判断する力、道徳を守る か守らないこと
evil	悪、悪い
follow	従う、についていく、後についていく
inherit	(跡を) 継ぐ、受け継ぐ
victory	勝利
sin	悪い考え、態度、言葉、行い – 神様に従わ ないこと – 罪、罪を犯す
death	死
through	を通して
still	まだ、今でも
separate	引き離す