

Week 28: Genesis 27

1. What role does Rebekah play in Jacob's deception? (vs. 1-17)

2. What misgivings does Isaac have? (vs. 18-24)

3. How does Isaac show his love for Esau? (vs. 25-40)

4. How does all of this affect Esau? (vs. 36-41)

5. How does Rebekah save Jacob's life? (vs. 42-46)

“Jacob and Rebekah succeeded in their purpose, but they gained only trouble and sorrow by their deception. God had declared that Jacob should receive the birthright, and His word would have been fulfilled in His own time had they waited in faith for Him to work for them. But like many who now profess to be children of God, they were unwilling to leave the matter in His hands. Rebekah bitterly repented the wrong counsel she had given her son; it was the means of separating him from her, and she never saw his face again. From the hour when he received the birthright, Jacob was weighed down with self-condemnation. He had sinned against his father, his brother, his own soul, and against God. In one short hour he had made work for a lifelong repentance.”

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 180.3