

A Date with Destiny for a Dinner

Genesis 25:29-30

Here we have the history of two people, born in the same house, with identical parents, and no outside influence which went two completely separate ways. Romans 9:13, "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." The word hate means to love less. The Bible follows the path of Jacob instead of the older brother. God is concerned with the second birth more than the first birth. Let us look at the choices of a man that gave away everything.

He sold his birthright. The birthright consisted of four things.

1. Property-The eldest son received a double portion.
2. Priestly-He was the spiritual leader of the home
3. Provisions-He provided physical needs for the home
4. Princely-He was heir to the throne

Esau is the first one we will look at. The Bible tells us he was a hunter. Two hunters are mentioned in the Scriptures: Nimrod and Esau; Nimrod means against the Lord. They were only concerned about here and now. There was nothing in the field to satisfy. Rebel in nature-only wanted to kill. He was unconcerned about God and eternity. Jesus said "Whosoever shall drink of this water shall thirst again." He was a man of the woods. He cared nothing for the special blessings of Abraham. These blessings were spiritual as well as temporal. He had no faith. He could not live on promises he wanted provisions. He acknowledged that he would die. He would not die of hunger. His father was Isaac. He was not poor. He could have had food enough to live on. He deliberately went against his teaching. He thought on the earthly.

Next we will look at Jacob. He was a man of the fold. He thought on the eternal. "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall never thirst again." Jacob gave up his meat for the birthright, but Esau gave up his birthright for meat. The birthright was Esau's by providence, but Jacob's by promise.

Esau surrendered his blessing. The Bible tells us he sought for the blessing. He had remorse, but not repentance. He tried to buy back with a dish of venison what he had sold for a mess of pottage. "God has given us the privilege of making the choices of life, but He sets the consequences." R. J. Little Our present choices determine our permanent character.

Spurgeon said, "Learn to say "no". It will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin." Faint desires of happiness without a right choice at the end and a right use of the means deceive many into their own ruin. Multitudes go to hell with their mouths full of good desires. Matthew Henry Quotes P. 124

Esau was a man of the field.

Jacob was a man of the fold.

Esau wanted provisions.

Jacob wanted to protect.

Jacob brought Christ into the world.

Esau brought Herod the Great.

Esau said "Love me for what I can do."

Jacob said "Love me for what I am."

Do you have the principles of Esau or Jacob?

What principles control us? For which are we living?

There is only one thing that will matter in one hundred years. This one thing is what have you done with Jesus Christ? Heaven is a real place. If Heaven is real and it is, then my friends there has to be a Hell. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way". Acts 4:12 tells us there is no other name whereby we must be saved. Are you ready to meet your Maker?

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