

The Contrast Between Esau and Jacob

(Genesis 25:21-34; 27:1-41; Hebrews 12:15-17; Romans 9:10-23,30-33)

1. To whom did the birthright belong according to tradition/law? (Deut. 21:16-17) _____

What exactly did God say about who would get the blessing? (Gen. 25:23) _____

2. What were the outward differences between Esau and Jacob? (Gen. 25:25-28) _____

What does this teach us about the difference between what God esteems and what the world esteems? _____

3. Why did Esau give up his birthright? (Gen. 25:32-34)

i. (Gen. 25:32) he reacted out of _____ that he was going to die, rather than out of _____ in God

ii. (Heb. 12:16) his only thought was to please _____, and so the Bible calls him "_____"

iii. (Gen. 25:34, Heb. 12:16) he did not value _____, and so the Bible calls him "_____"

4. After Esau realized he had lost the blessing, what did he do? (Gen. 27:41) _____

Could he still have been pleasing to God? What should he have done? (Heb. 12:17) _____

5. Ultimately what do Esau and Jacob represent spiritually, as to the difference between who attains God's righteousness and who does not? (Rom. 9:10-23,30-33)

Esau: _____

Jacob: _____