

WHAT DO YOU VALUE? ~ Genesis 25:27-34

→ Scripture Reading Galatians 6:7-10 & Hebrews 12:16-17

AS DIFFERENT AS NIGHT AND DAY ~ Genesis 25:27-28

[27] The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents. [28] Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Esau - a skilled hunter lived the life of a TOTAL NOMAD, a man of the outdoors Constable

Jacob - a shepherd and SEMI-NOMAD, a simple man, stable, civilized and cultured. Constable

Genesis 25:23 (NLT) And the LORD told her, "The sons in your womb will become two nations. From the very beginning, **the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be stronger** than the other; and **your OLDER son will serve your YOUNGER son.**"

APPLICATION

Our Choices make a DIFFERENCE in our Lives - they can SHAPE what we Become

Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. [8] The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

LACK OF CHARACTER? ~ Genesis 25:29-34

[29] Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. [30] He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) [31] Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." [32] "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" [33] But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. [34] Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

THE BIRTHRIGHT RECIPIENT... Constable

- became LEADER of the family
- received the PROMISES of God
- became PRIEST for the family

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Hebrews 12:16-17 (NET) And see to it that no one becomes an IMMORAL or GODLESS person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. [17] For you know that later **when he wanted to inherit the BLESSING**, he was REJECTED, for he found no opportunity for repentance, although he sought the blessing with tears.

Esau had NO sense of SPIRITUAL values. He is an example of anyone who values IMMEDIATE GRATIFICATION beyond spiritual heritage. Holman NT Com

APPLICATION

WHAT WE TRULY VALUE IS SEEN BY

- looking at the CHOICES we make
- watching the WAY we live
- observing HOW we SPEND money
- listening to WHAT we TALK about

TAKE AWAY ??

What is my red stew? ...We are in constant danger of being tempted to give up something very precious in order to indulge a sudden strong desire. ...The red stew that is dangerous to you and to me is any temptation to gratify the 'FEELINGS' of the IMMEDIATE moment in a way that shows we 'despise' the promises of the living God for our future. Edith Schaeffer