

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 25:19-21, 24-34.

INTRODUCTION: 1 Corinthians 10:11; Romans 15:4.

APPLICATIONS:

1. **The comfort of the foreknowledge of God.**

- A. Genesis 25:23.
- B. Romans 8:28.
- C. It works the other way too!

2. **Despising our birthright.**

- A. What was Esau's birthright? Genesis 26:3-4 – land, holy nation, Messiah. Genesis 36:6-8; etc.
- B. Why did Esau despise his birthright? Hebrews 12:15A, 16.
- C. What is our birthright? Apply the three promises to us. 1 Timothy 4:8B.
- D. Are we despising our birthright?
- E. What are we getting in return? A bowl of bean stew!
- F. Who are we hurting if we despise our birthright? We hurt God, our loved ones, and ourselves.
- G. Do we have to despise our birthright? No! Hebrews 11:24-26.

3. **No place for repentance.** Hebrews 12:17.

- A. As long as we are physically alive and the Lord has not returned, we can repent of our sins and be forgiven by God.
- B. Repentance restores the eternal blessings of our birthright.
- C. Repentance doesn't necessarily restore all the temporal blessings of our birthright.
- D. Appreciate and avoid losing temporal blessings.
- E. Accept and pay the consequences. More sin will only make matters worse, not better!

4. **Let it go already!**

- A. The rest of the story. Genesis 27:1-4, 5-10, 11-13, 14-17, 18-29, 30-38.
- B. Genesis 27:41.
- C. Genesis 33:4-11; 35:29.
- D. Hebrews 12:14-15.