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God > Sin

Genesis 27

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The Sinful Way I May Live:

Isaac: Relativistic values based on feelings and culture, he denies God's Truth.

Trusting his senses: sight, sound, taste, touch, smell.

Genesis 27:12, 22, 27; 25:23, 28;
II Timothy 2:14-19

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Genesis 25:23

The LORD said to her,

“Two nations are in your womb; And two peoples will be separated from your body;

And one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger.”

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Genesis 25:27

When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob was a peaceful man, living in tents. Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob

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II Timothy 2:14-17

Remind *them* of these things, and solemnly charge *them* in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless *and leads* to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid worldly *and* empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene.

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The Sinful Way I May Live:

Rebekah: Manipulator, works-oriented faith to accomplish God's Will.

Genesis 27:5-17

Galatians 3:3

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Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

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Zechariah 4:6

Then he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but **by My Spirit,**’ says the Lord of hosts.

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The Sinful Way I May Live:

Jacob: Spiritual poser.

“the end justifies the means”

Genesis 27:12, 20

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Genesis 27:20-24

Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have *it* so quickly, my son?” And he said, “**Because the Lord your God caused *it* to happen to me.**” Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come close, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not.” So Jacob came close to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, “The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him. **And he said, “Are you really my son Esau?” And he said, “I am.”**

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II Corinthians 4:1-2

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, but **we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God,** but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

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The Sinful Way I May Live:

Esau: Impulsive selfish acts with no regard for consequences.

Genesis 25:29-34;

I John 2:15-17

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John Piper, A Sweet and Bitter Providence

Life is not a straight line leading from one blessing to the next and then finally to heaven. Life is a winding and troubled road. Switchback after switchback. And the point of biblical stories like Joseph and Job and Esther and Ruth is to help us feel in our bones (not just know in our heads) that God is for us in all these strange turns. God is not just showing up after the trouble and cleaning it up. He is plotting the course and managing the troubles with far-reaching purposes for our good and for the glory of Jesus Christ.

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The Potential Consequences Of A Sinful Lifestyle:

Stress of fear and anxiety.

Genesis 27:30-33

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Genesis 27:30-33

Now it came about, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had hardly gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. Then he also made savory food, and brought it to his father; and he said to his father, “Let my father arise and eat of his son’s game, that you may bless me.” Isaac his father said to him, “Who are you?” And he said, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.” **Then Isaac trembled violently**, and said, “Who was he then that hunted game and brought it to me, so that I ate of all of it before you came, and blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed

Tremble = shaking in fear, anxiety.

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I Peter 5:7-9

Casting all your anxiety on Him, because **He cares for you**. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

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The Potential Consequences Of A Sinful Lifestyle:

Sorrow over my loss.

Genesis 27:34, 35

And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry

Hebrews 12:15-17

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Hebrews 12:15-17

See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; that there be no immoral or godless person like **Esau**, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, **for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.**

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The Potential Consequences Of A Sinful Lifestyle:

Strife in my relationships.

Genesis 27:36-41

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Genesis 27:39-41

Then Isaac his father answered and said to him, “Behold, away from the fertility of the earth shall be your dwelling, And away from the dew of heaven from above. “By your sword you shall live, And your brother you shall serve; But it shall come about when you become restless, That you will break his yoke from your neck.” So **Esau bore a grudge against Jacob** because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then **I will kill my brother Jacob.**”

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Amos 1:11

Thus says the LORD, “For three transgressions of **Edom (Esau’s descendants)** and for four I will not revoke its punishment, Because he pursued his brother with the sword, While he stifled his compassion; His **anger** also tore continually, **And he maintained his fury forever.**

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II Corinthians 2:11

But whom you forgive anything, I forgive also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ, in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

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Ephesians 4:26, 27

Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.

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The Potential Consequences Of A Sinful Lifestyle:

Separation: loss of intimacy with the Lord and each other.

Genesis 27:44-46

Then I will send and get you from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?"

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Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear

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Henry Nouwen

I cannot continuously say no to this or no to that, unless there is something ten times more attractive to choose. Saying no to my lust, my greed, my needs, and the world's powers takes an enormous amount of energy. The only hope is to find something so obviously real and attractive that I can devote all my energies to saying yes. One such thing I can say yes to is when I come in touch with the fact that I am loved. Once I have found that in my total brokenness I am still loved, I become free from the compulsion of doing successful things.

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Psalm 103:10-14

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.

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Psalm 51 A Prayer to God

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from Your presence
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
And sustain me with a willing spirit.

13 Then I will teach transgressors Your
ways, And sinners will be converted to
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