

# J A C O B

Be patient - God hasn't finished with me yet

## 2. Prizing, not despising

Genesis 25:29-34

- What is a Christian?

### 1. A Prize to be Prized

- Birthright – not just the main share of the inheritance
- With Abraham's family line it meant all the blessings God promised too
- The greatest blessing was God himself, in all his glory and majesty
- For us - Heaven, forgiveness, peace, delight & God himself

### 2. The Prize Despised

#### a) Esau – a man who lived for now

- Esau – a man of the outdoors, impetuous, gruff, forceful
- Everything focused on the now – little sense of perspective

#### b) Esau – a man who let the appetites of time dominate the future

- The hunter (Esau) gets caught in the trap his brother sets
- Driven solely by his appetites. His appetites cause him to exaggerate the importance of the present – not really about to die
- What appetites for the present drive you? Success, security, relationship, ease, getting by?
- When the now captures our thinking, we lose sight of what matters
- What dominates your thinking?

#### c) Esau – a man who lost his inheritance for nothing

- The essence of sin isn't just doing wrong, but a wrong valuation of God
- We don't give him his true worth, we value other things more highly
- Do we trade the greatness of God, sacrificed for us, for a nothingness?
- That will always leave us with a feeling of emptiness
- Do we get drawn into the humdrum of the ordinary and lose our appetite for what is valuable?
- See how a little thing can ruin us for all eternity

#### d) Esau – a man who didn't care until it was too late

- v34 – walked off without a care. 27:34 – there was no second chance
- God will not excuse those who despise the prize because it has been bought at a high price
- Jesus, the true and better older brother valued his inheritance and faced death so that we could share his inheritance.

#### Application

- A Christian is someone who grasps what is truly valuable & lives for it
- You need to set your eyes on eternity and prize what God prizes.
- You need to keep your eyes on the prize so that your inheritance shapes your decisions here and now.



# new life fellowship

SERVING JESUS CHRIST THE KING

www.newlifefellowship.ie - part of the reformed presbyterian church of ireland

### Notices

Sab	Evening Service at Mark & Judith's Question time	8pm
Mon-Wed	Ministers' Conference in Ballykelly	
Sab 28 <sup>th</sup>	Praise Service in Stranorlar	7.30pm
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Huizing - Missionary in Sudan with the RP Church Speaking in Convoy	8pm
October Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Installation of Steven Robinson in Faughan	2pm
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Donegal Christian Women's Conference "Heaven Scent" – Linda Basdeo (Irish Bible Institute) Jackson's Hotel – Ballybofey Forms available – cost of day €35	

Sabbath 28th - Hungry for Blessing - Genesis 27

Opening Psalm: 84A:7-10

Pastor: Mark Loughridge Tel: 074 9123961 email: mark@newlifefellowship.ie

Oversight elders: Graham Fallows 048 7130 1641 William Lynch 048 7139 8002