

JACOB

Be patient - God hasn't finished with me yet

3. A Hunger for Blessing

Genesis 26:34-27:40

1. We are built to hunger for blessing

- Chapter built around themes of hunger, blessing and deceit
- Isaac hungry for food and to bless, Esau and Jacob hungry for blessing
- Blessing = the delight, favour and resources of another
- Theme of Jacob's life – the search for blessing
- We are made to hunger for this blessing
- Q – where are you looking for your blessing?

2. God is the source of blessing

- God made the promise – Gen 25:23
- Isaac thinks he is the source of the blessing
- He tries to outwit God, but finds you can't – Gen 27:33
- Esau and Jacob looked for blessing in the wrong place
- Q – Have you been let down looking for approval, value from others?

3. Sin is always wrong

- 15 wrongs don't make a right, or bring blessing
- Isaac – Failing to finish well
 - Putting the material over the spiritual
- Rebekah – Impatience and failing to trust God
- Jacob – Fails to stop the charade at the start
 - Domino sins – one sin leads to another
- Esau – Twisting the blame onto someone else
- Sin doesn't get you blessing, enjoyment or fulfilment
- Sin spoils the blessings we do have
 - It causes havoc in families and children

4. God's blessing isn't deserved

- God will bless Jacob, but he certainly doesn't deserve it
- God blesses unworthy sinners - God's grace is startling and surprising
- Gives hope to those looking for blessing but are aware of their faults
- Q – Do you think God owes you?

5. Blessing comes by Substitution, not impersonation

- We are like Jacob - We pretend we are someone better than we are
- The answer is not by pretending to God that we are better than we are
- Jesus is the true and better Jacob who offers to stand in our place, dressed in our sins, not to steal blessing, but to give it.
- We need to accept his offer of substitution
- Don't pretend – admit your flaws.
- Plead and trust his promises and you will find his delight and blessing



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Notices

Sab 28 th	Praise Service in Stranorlar	7.30pm
Tues 30 th	Heather Huizing - Missionary in Sudan with the RP Church Speaking in Convoy	8pm
Wed 8 th	Ladies are invited to Stranorlar Ladies meeting. Rev Tim Donachie will be speaking about his work in Peru	8pm
Sat 18 th	Donegal Christian Women's Conference "Heaven Scent" – Linda Basdeo (Irish Bible Institute) Jackson's Hotel – Ballybofey Forms available – cost of day €35	

Sabbath 5th - When God intrudes - Genesis 28

Opening Psalm: 85A:1-3

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