

God's Blessing and Choice
Genesis 25:19-34, Pew Bible p. 18
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I. The Sovereign Will of the Lord (V. 19-28)

- A. God alone is in complete control over all His creation.
 - 1. He alone can hear.
 - 2. He alone can answer.

- B. God alone has the right to will and work however He sees fit.
 - 1. He has no judge.
 - 2. He has no coach.

II. The Responsible Choice of Man (V. 29-34)

- A. God's sovereign will does not take away from man's responsibility.
 - 1. We sin because we want to.
 - 2. We are condemned because it's fair.

- B. Man's deliberate choices cannot undermine God's goodness.
 - 1. No one can believe in God without God's help.
 - 2. No one rejects God without an opportunity to believe.

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Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 25:19-34.
2. What does Isaac praying for his wife (V. 21) say about his faith?
 - a. Have you ever prayed for a miracle and God granted it to you?
 - b. What does God's ability to answer prayer say about God's power?
3. What does God's decree about Jacob and Esau (V. 23) say about God's power and knowledge of the future?
 - a. How does God's omniscience help you give Him glory?
4. What role did Esau's decision to sell his birthright have in losing God's blessing?
 - a. God had already declared His plan in verse 23. Why, then, does Esau's decision in V. 32 still matter?
 - b. What does this say about the importance of our choices even while God is sovereign?
5. Is it possible to think we are close to God even while we are further than we have ever been, according to V. 34?
 - a. How is it possible to be far from God and not realize it?
 - b. Have you ever experienced a season when you were drifting from God without realizing it? What helped you recognize it?
6. Pray for our church members to believe in God's sovereignty while guarding our hearts from making ungodly decisions. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.