

God's Blessing and Conflict
Genesis 27:26-46, Pew Bible p. 20
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I. Conflict with God's Plan (V. 26-40)

- A. Sin makes you at war with God's plan.
 - 1. Sin changes your priorities.
 - 2. Sin changes your focus.

- B. Sin tempts you to control God's plan.
 - 1. You accept God's plan, but for your reasons.
 - 2. You accept God's plan, but on your time.

II. The Consequences of Conflict (V. 41-46)

- A. Fighting God's plan is a losing battle.
 - 1. You will diminish your wisdom, while increasing your pride.
 - 2. You might get what you want, but you will lose your soul.

- B. Controlling God's plan is a painful battle.
 - 1. It will hurt you.
 - 2. It will hurt others.

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Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 27:1-46.

2. Why do you think Isaac intended to bless Esau rather than Jacob (v. 4), despite God's earlier promise concerning Jacob (Genesis 25:23) and Esau's sale of his birthright (Genesis 25:34)?

a. What are some reasons people today plan to do things they know God does not want?

3. Why do you think Rebekah and Jacob felt they had to lie and deceive in order to obey God's plan (V. 9-10)?

a. How is it possible for Christians today to try to control God's plan, rather than trusting in it?

4. Why do you think the Bible commends Isaac (Hebrews 11:20) for blessing Jacob (V. 27-29) and for blessing Esau (V. 39-40)?

a. What does this say about Isaac's decision not to reverse his blessing on Jacob, even though he was tricked into it?

b. What does this say about the power of God's plan over man's will?

5. What were the consequences for Jacob and Rebekah (V. 41-46) for their deceit of Isaac and Esau?

a. What does that tell us about the consequences of trying to control God's plan?

b. What do Esau and Isaac teach us about the wisdom of fighting God's plan?

6. Pray for our church members to trust in the plan of God and repent of fighting or controlling it. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.