

Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Genesis 27 & 28 straight through, as you would read the chapters of any book.

Questions:

1. Was there anything in the passage read during the week or in the lecture (Friday morning) that was of particular interest, surprised you or caused you concern in the chapters this week?
2. In Genesis 27 we see Rebekah manipulate the situation so that Isaac's blessing will go to Jacob. In your opinion, what did Rebekah do wrong, and why?
3. How do the verses below convict or encourage you when you are tempted to take matters into your own hands or when you feel that someone is manipulating you?
 - Job 42:2
 - Proverbs 19:21
4. What was Jacob's biggest concern about the plan? (verse 12)
5. Have you ever been worried about 'getting caught'? What does that fear reveal about the action, our behaviour and our conscience?

6. The patriarchal blessing was the official handing of the birthright from father to son and made the heir official. Once given it was binding. Esau had flippantly given his birthright to Jacob when he was younger (Genesis 25:33) but giving the birthright to Jacob was not binding or official until the blessing was given - by their father Isaac.
 - How do you think Isaac felt when the deception came to light?
 - How do you think Esau felt?
 - How did Rebekah feel?
 - How did Jacob feel?
7. Summarize what Isaac says to Jacob in Genesis 28:1-5. What are some significant similarities and differences in how Abraham had sought a wife for Isaac? (See **Genesis 24:1-8**)
8. What motivated Esau to take more wives? (**Genesis 28:6-9**)
9. In what we've learned about Isaac's family, what has the Lord pressed upon you regarding your own life in the role(s) you play as parent, sibling or child?
10. Given that Jacob had been the 'home' boy (Genesis 25:27) - how do you think Jacob may have been feeling as he set out on his journey to Harran?
11. Briefly summarize Jacob's dream and the message God gave him through the dream. Then read **John 1:49-51**. According to what we read in the Gospel of John, to whom or what do you think the ladder in Jacob's dream is referring?

Write out Genesis 28 verse 15. If you can, learn it – it should be a comfort in any and all situations.