

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Genesis 25:19-34

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah, and how old was he when he became a father?

40 years old and 60 years old.

2. What did Isaac and Rebekah do when they had problems? What does their example and the results tell us?

They went to the LORD in prayer. The LORD will answer the prayers of those who believe in Him and go to Him in prayer. The LORD will keep His promises to us, and we can pray to the LORD believing in and remembering His promises to us in the Bible.

3. How did the LORD explain to Rebekah what was happening to her?

(Genesis 25:23) The LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.”

4. How were her twins born? How did they grow up to be different?

Esau was born first, and he was hairy, so they called him Esau. Esau grew up to be a hunter and his father loved him. Jacob was born second, and he was grasping Esau’s heel, so he was named Jacob, which means “supplanter.” Jacob stayed home among the tents and learned how to cook (and cared for the farm?) and his mother loved him.

5. What does it mean to despise something? What did Esau despise? What was a benefit of receiving what he despised?

To despise means “to feel contempt for or a deep repugnance for” or “to regard as negligible, worthless, or distasteful.” Esau despised his birthright. He would receive double the inheritance and become the responsible head of the family at the death of the father.

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