

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further ***International Bible Lessons***

Genesis 27:5-10, 18-29

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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. For what sins were Rebekah and Jacob guilty?

For lying and deceiving Isaac and for stealing Esau’s blessing. Rebekah influenced Jacob to lie and deceive his father, involving her son in sin. For refusing to pray for the LORD to show them what to do, if anything, regarding Isaac’s blessing of Esau. For not trusting the LORD to do

what the LORD told Rebekah He would do before her sons were born: the older son would serve the younger son, the result of a blessing of the oldest son.

2. As far as we know, what did Isaac refuse to do?

He refused to heed what Rebekah told him about his sons, and the fact that Esau would serve Jacob. He refused to pray and ask the LORD if He wanted him to bless Esau; and is so, when. When he followed tradition, he refused to follow the LORD. He refused to pray for the LORD's guidance during the time Jacob was deceiving him. He trusted only in his feelings or senses.

3. Which son do you think was prepared to receive Isaac's blessing? Why?

Jacob, because he stayed at home and learned many spiritual and historical lessons from his family that would help him in the future to carry forward the work of the LORD in the lives of his ancestors (grandfather and father). He stayed at home and watched over the livestock and the fields. Isaac's blessing was suited to his way of life.

4. What kind of a person was Esau?

He was a man who loved to hunt game and supported the family from his hunting. Isaac loved him for he was a man of the outdoors. Isaac even loved the smell of him.

5. How was the blessing of Jacob ultimately fulfilled.

Jesus the Messiah descended from Jacob, and all nations and peoples will bow before the Lord Jesus Christ.

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