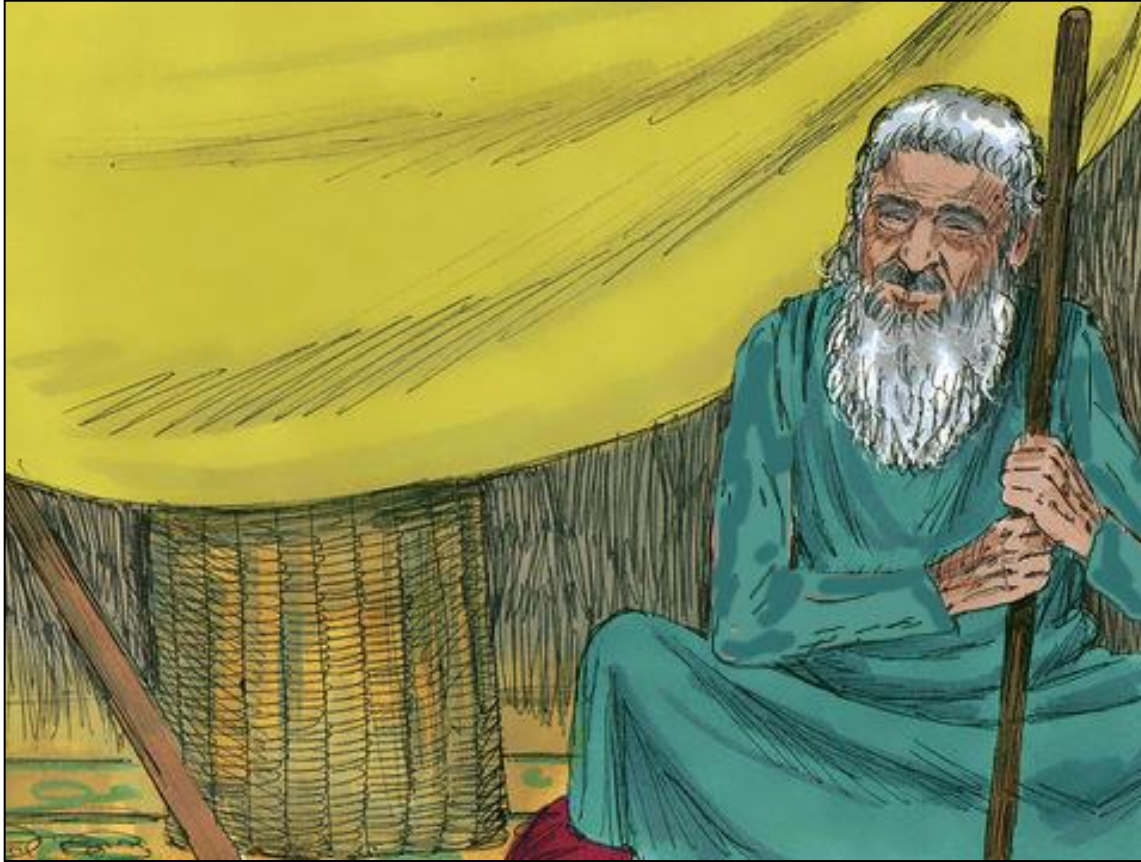


When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.” He said, “Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Genesis 27:1-2



We don't know how long we have.

He had 43 more years to come, but he felt old  
**Sight lets him down**

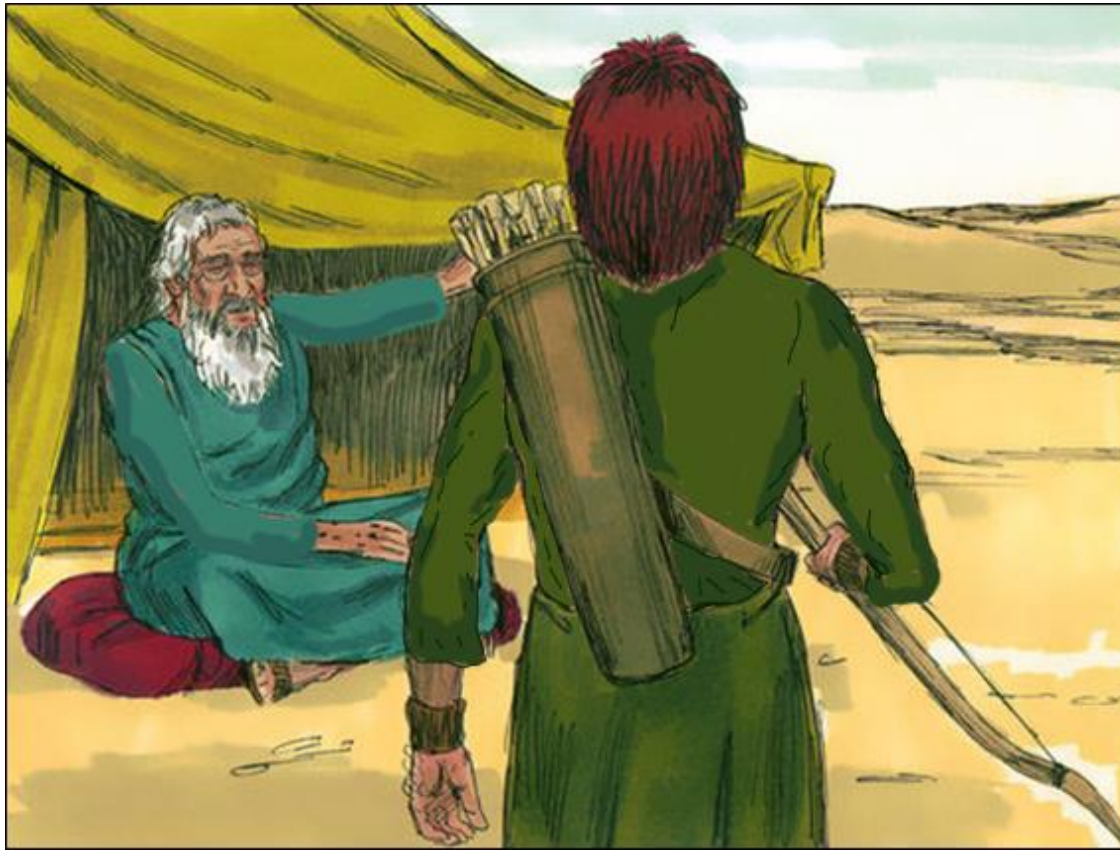


sight

**Deceived**

Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”

Genesis 27:3-4



Isaac's affection for favourite son vs. faith  
The Prophecy,  
His despising his birthright  
His marriages

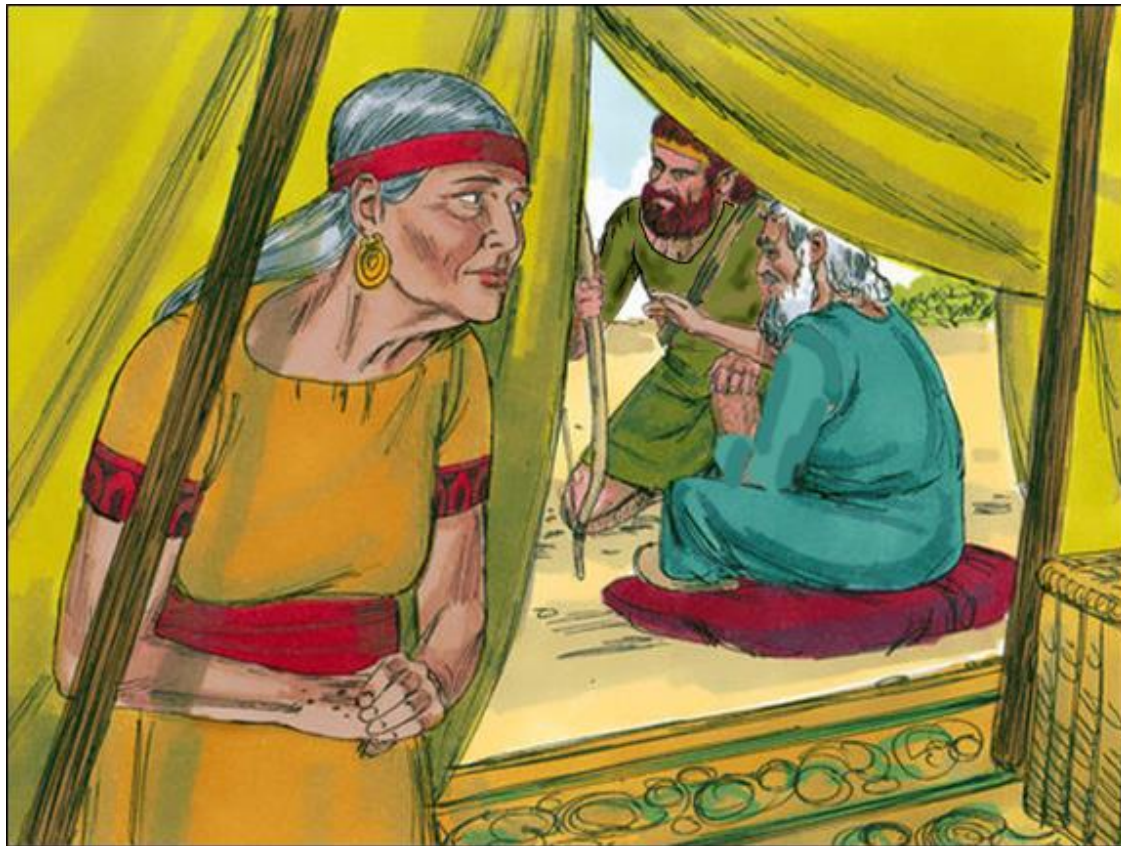
Tasty food – a pleasant environment for solemn act

Esau – the unbeliever, hunter – restless  
Out doors (the world)



Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, ‘Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.’”

Genesis 27:5-7



Why did she not trust  
God's promise ?

Eg Joseph, Balaam  
later

She thinks :

**“I’ll**  
have to do something”

Sarah tried that too!

Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies.”

Genesis 27:8-10

Make goat to taste like venison



But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing.” His mother said to him, “**Let your curse be on me, my son**; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.” Genesis 27:11-13



The wrong objections to the plot  
Getting caught out  
and cursed



Disobedient obedience!

So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved.

Genesis 27:14

## Gifts misused



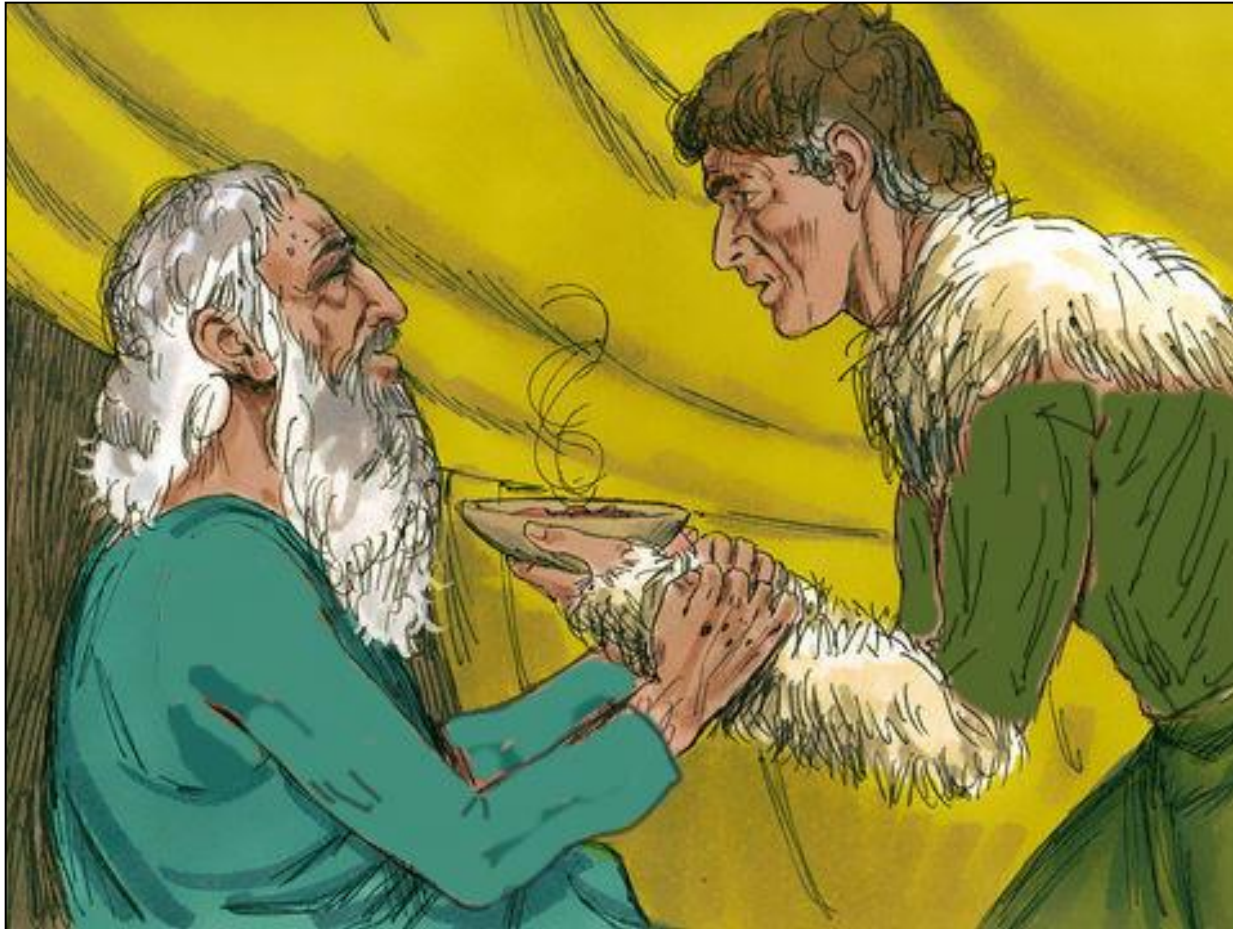


Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Genesis 27:15-16



**Deception**  
Clothes,  
hairy skins on exposed  
parts

And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob. So he went in to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" Genesis 27:17-18



**Suspicion ?**  
in the voice

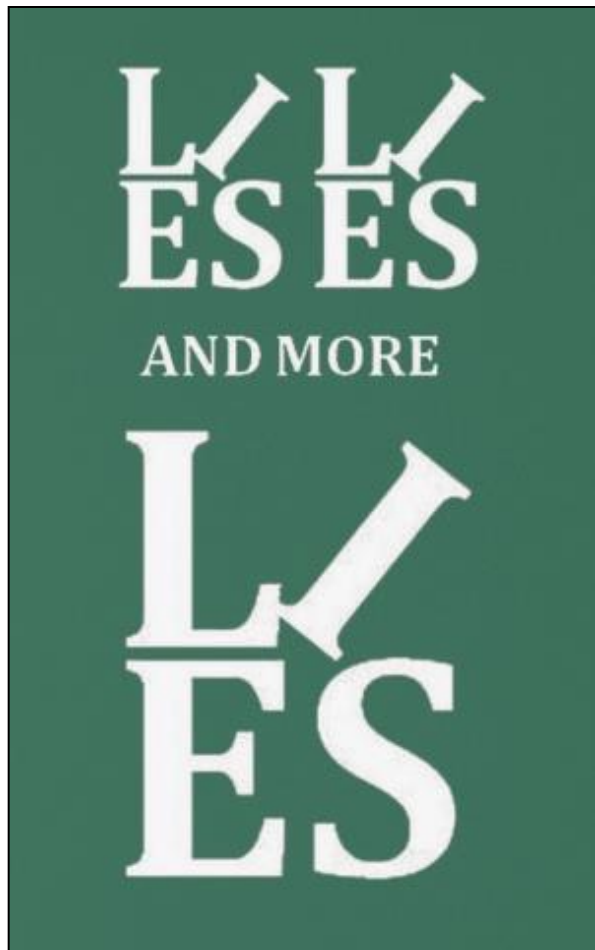
**The senses : only  
his ears – not  
deceiving him**



hearing



Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me." But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success."  
Genesis 27:19-20



- 1, I am Esau
- 2, I did as you told me
- 3, Here is my game
- 4, The LORD helped me

Note he can't say  
"The LORD **MY** God"

Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. Genesis 27:21-23



**Sense of  
touch lets  
him down**



touch

**Deceived**

He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am."  
Then he said, "Bring it near to me, that I may eat of my son's  
game and bless you." So he brought it near to him, and he ate;  
and he brought him wine, and he drank. Genesis 27:24-25

## Still not sure ?

Voices a little similar ?  
The meal 'softens' him



taste

**Deceived**

**The sense of taste  
lets him down**





Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come near and kiss me, my son.” So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said, “See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed!

Genesis 27:26-27



smell

**Deceived**

And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:14

**So how can we prevent being deceived ?**

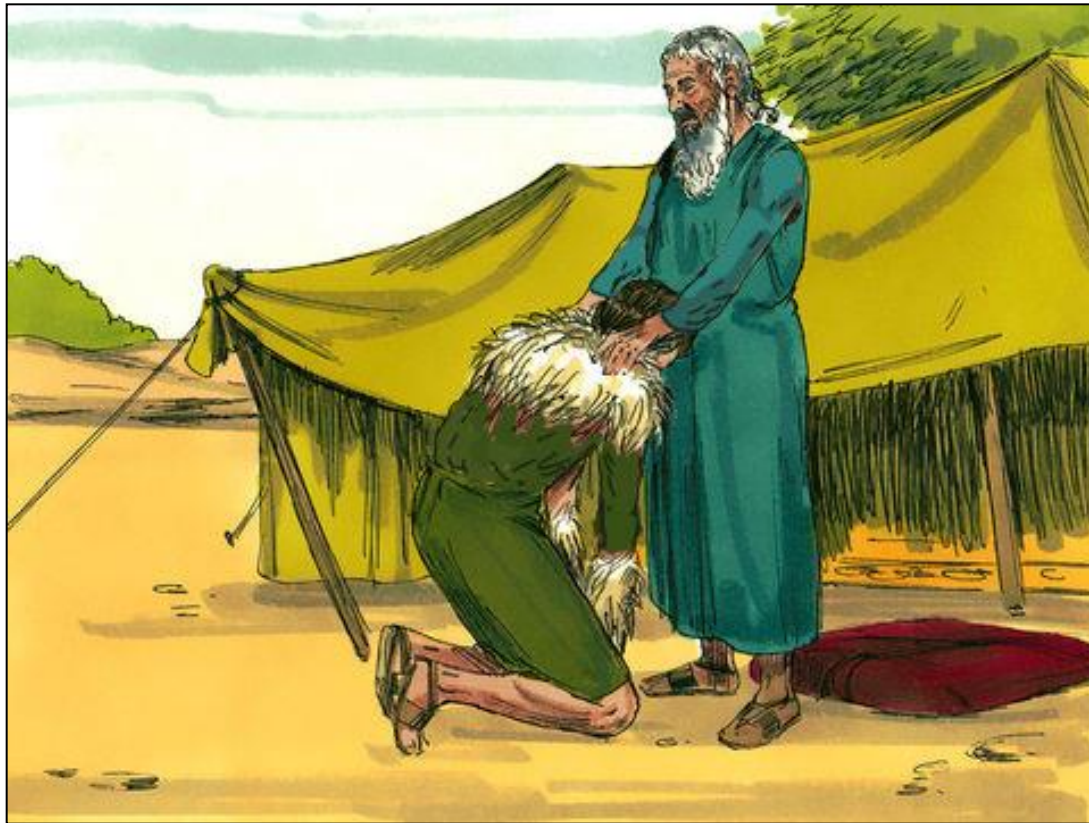
Jesus said :

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

John 10:27

May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!”

Genesis 27:28-29



## The Blessing

authorized to bless

Provision

Authority

Protection

Nations – kingdom

Prophecy to Rebecca fulfilled.

As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. Genesis 27:30





He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me." His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau."

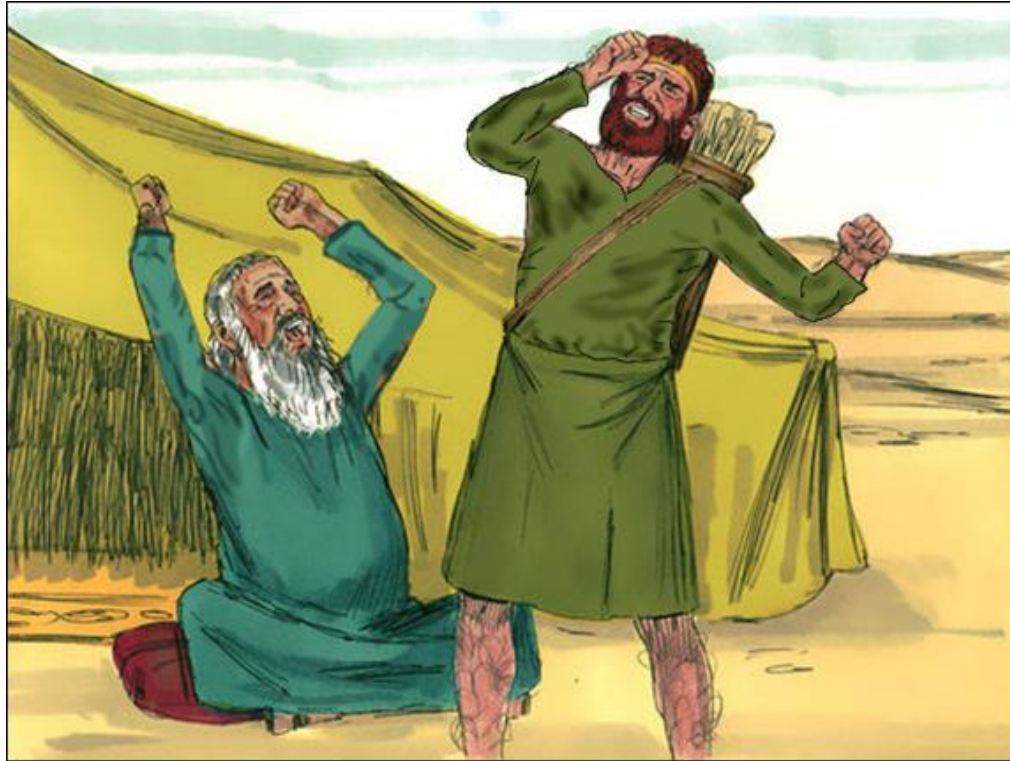
Genesis 27:31-32

Esau did everything right here !  
But the time for consequences of his choices has come



Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, “Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.”

Genesis 27:33



Isaac's rude awakening

**Why didn't Isaac curse  
Jacob ?**

Convicted ?  
Remember the prophecy ?

**The blessing is not just words**

As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!"

Genesis 27:34

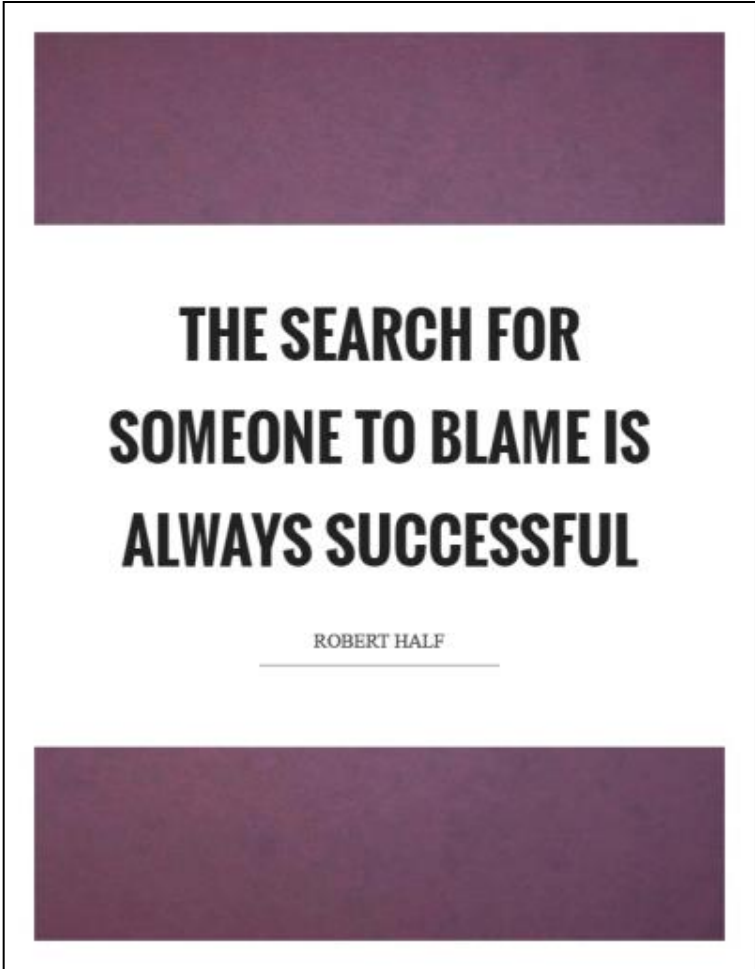
Tears of sorrow at loss are not tears of repentance





But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.” Esau said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has cheated me these two times. He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing.”

Genesis 27:35-36



**THE SEARCH FOR  
SOMEONE TO BLAME IS  
ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL**

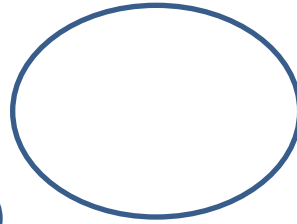
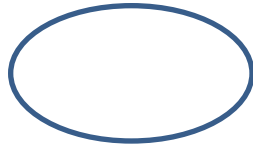
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He does not accept the new state, nor own his fault in it, but blames Jacob for everything

Then he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"  
Isaac answered and said to Esau, "Behold, I have made him lord  
over you, and all his brothers I have given to him for servants, and  
with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for  
you, my son?"

Genesis 27:37

The real blessings are Jacob's now



Esau said to his father, "Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

Genesis 27:38



see that no one is unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

Hebrews 12:16

Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: “Behold, **away from** the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from the dew of heaven on high. By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother; but when you grow restless you shall break his yoke from your neck.” Genesis 27:39-40

By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.

Hebrews 11:20



A description of where Esau settled - Edom  
A prophecy for future Esau's descendants





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The ends justifies the means.

~ Niccolo Machiavelli

**WRONG !**

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**Jacob – will be sent away – on a hard learning experience**





The attempt to foil God's plans will end in failure but there is an interesting parallel in this story ....

Jacob found acceptance with his father and received his blessing because he sheltered behind the name of his firstborn, beloved son and was clothed with the garments which diffused to Isaac an excellent odour.

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Galatians 3:27 - 29