

(I) GROWTH

“So the boys grew. And Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.” Genesis 25:27

1. Esau

a) A skilful hunter

b) A man of the field

2. Jacob

a) A mild man

b) Dwelling in tents

3. Jesus

“And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.” Luke 2:40

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.” Luke 2:52

(II) PARENTS

“And Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.” Genesis 25:28

1. Personal inclinations

2. Polarisation

3. Problems!

(III) SELLING OF THE BIRTHRIGHT OF THE FIRSTBORN

1. Jacob’s skill in cooking

2. Circumstances

a) Esau's weariness

b) Taking advantage of Esau's weariness

c) Knowledge of Esau's lack of discernment

3. Jacob's request to be given the birthright of the firstborn

a) Cunning

b) Shrewd plan

4. Esau's oath to give to Jacob his birthright- for bread and stew

a) He was blameworthy

b) He despised his birthright

5. Hebrews 12:16-17

a) Esau described as a profane person

b) Deep but vain regrets