

1. Abaraham and Issac and his children

Gen 25:27 The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. ²⁸ Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. ³⁰ He said to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!” (That is why he was also called Edom. ³¹ Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright.” ³² “Look, I am about to die,” Esau said. “What good is the birthright to me?” ³³ But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. **So Esau despised his birthright.**

2. God called Abraham and he responded his call and receive the promise of blessing

Gen 12:1 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. ² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

3. Father of faith

- a) He believed in God, obeyed God, and was blessed with Isaac at the age of 100.
- b) God’s covenant was with Abraham’s descendants.

4. Isaac had twin sons: Esau [the older brother] and Jacob [the younger brother]

- a) Esau became a skilled hunter in the fields
Isaac preferred Esau’s game and loved Esau
- b) Jacob became a gentle man and lived in tents
Jacob was loved by his mother

5. Esau Disregards His Birthright

- a) Esau returned from hunting in the field. He was exhausted from hunting and very hungry.
- b) Esau asked Jacob for the stew he was cooking.
- c) Jacob makes the birthright a condition of the exchange with Esau.
- d) Esau says, “Look, I’m about to die. What good is the birthright to me now?”

What Esau Was Seeking

- Worldly work [hunting]
- Pleasing his father in a worldly way [through game from the field]
- Not the blessing of Abraham he would receive in the future, nor anything spiritual, but something physical—satisfying his hunger and fatigue “**right now**” through food and drink

e) Esau sold his birthright to his brother Jacob

➤ **So Esau despised his birthright.**

➤ The book of Heb in chapter 12, **godless like Esau**

Heb 12:16 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is **godless like Esau**, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. 17 Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

The birthright is not only the right to inherit twice as much of a father's estate, but also a promise of God's blessing. The birthright means inheriting the promise God made to our forefather Abraham. That promise from God is to become a great nation and bless the world. [Gen 12:2-3]

➔ Are you trading your carnal desires for God?

On days when there is a worship service or special gathering, which do you choose? The day of worship is the Lord's Day. A friend's party versus worship or a gathering; work versus worship or a special gathering; a trip versus worship; sleeping in versus Sunday school

6. We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our **"God is a consuming fire."**

- We are heirs to the Kingdom
- Let us give thanks for the salvation Jesus provided through the cross
- Let us walk in a way that pleases God.
- Let us serve others/ Let us remember that those who have not been saved by Jesus will face God's judgment, and let us share the gospel

Drawing Near to the Kingdom of Heaven

A grand celebration of countless angels

Those who believe in Christ

Family, friends, and acquaintances

God the Father

Believers in the Old and New Testaments

Jesus

➔ A Life of Longing for the Kingdom

➤ Let us remember that we are drawing closer to the Kingdom

➤ How should we live each day?

[Col 3:2] Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

1 Let us set our hearts on the Kingdom of God and pursue spiritual things: prayer, being filled with the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, and knowledge of the Word.

God bestows abundant spiritual blessings upon believers. Eternal life, [Ephesians 2]

2. Do not become absorbed in this world; do not compromise. [Do not take in too much of the world's information; do not rely on AI.]

Do not, like Esau, become absorbed solely in worldly things and neglect spiritual matters.

3 Let us recognize that we cannot enter the Kingdom of God if we remain separated from God and still harbor sin.

Let us pray for, invite, and serve our family, friends, and acquaintances for their salvation.

[Hebrews 10:25]