

“A Deceiver” - Genesis 27:18-30

Ask - “Has anyone ever fooled you in some way? How so?”

Background - Isaac married Rebekah, the bride his father had chosen for him. Not long afterwards, Abraham died. Some time later, Isaac and Rebekah had children of their own - twin boys named Esau and Jacob. The 2 boys did not always get along well with each other.

“Jacob Lies To His Father” - Genesis 27:18-20

(v1) What limitation did Isaac suffer from in his old age that would lead to his deception? Read and discuss verses 1-17 for background.

(v18-19) What specifically was Jacob’s lie to his father? Why did he lie to Isaac?

(v20) Why was Isaac surprised that “Esau” had come before him so quickly? How did Jacob answer Isaac’s surprise?

JACOB, WITH HELP FROM HIS MOTHER, TOLD ISSAC THAT HE WAS ESAU IN ORDER TO STEAL HIS OLDER BROTHER’S BLESSING.

“Isaac Is Tricked” - Genesis 27:21-27a

(v21-23) What was the first test that Isaac used to try to confirm that it was actually Esau he was speaking to? How was he fooled by Jacob? What still gave Isaac reason for pause?

(v24-25) What was the second way that Isaac tested to see if it was really Esau? What did Jacob bring to him?

(v26-27a) What was the third test that Isaac used? What finally convinced him that Jacob was Esau?

ISAAC WAS FOOLED BY JACOB’S HAIRY HANDS, THE FOOD HE’D BROUGHT, AND THE SMELL OF HIS CLOTHES. HE BELIEVED THAT JACOB WAS ESAU.

“Isaac Blesses Jacob” - Genesis 27:27b-30

(v27b-28) In the opening of his blessing, what did Issac compare Jacob’s smell to? What did he say regarding God’s creation? How was this a blessing?

(v29) In what other ways did he bless Jacob, as it pertains to the nations, his own family, and so on?

(v30) What happened as soon as Issac finished mistakenly blessing Jacob?
Read the remainder of the chapter for the rest of the story.

BELIEVING THAT HE WAS ESAU, ISAAC BLESSED JACOB INSTEAD. THIS
LED TO FURTHER ANIMOSITY BETWEEN THE BROTHERS.

Application - Jacob deceived his own father and stole his brother's blessing. He was a shrew and devious trickster, especially in his younger years. Fortunately, as we will see in upcoming lessons, this was all part of God's plan. As for Isaac, what he felt, tasted, and smelled led him to believe one thing, while what he heard led him to believe another. He ultimately fell for Jacob's trick. How can we, as Christians, avoid being deceived by the lies of Satan?