

## Genesis 25

1 That making alive of his body was a gift he did not lose. The gifts and callings of God are without repentance.

2-6 Isaac most importantly was heir of the Promise. Abraham provided for the other children, but separated them. There was nothing evil in this, in fact, he was obeying the first command to mankind. At times we have a specific focus from God. There maybe other things in life that are blessings from God, joys to our heart, that are not really directly connected with our main focus.

7,8 Gathered to his people does not mean taken back to Ur to be buried. There is a belief in the afterlife at this time, contrary to what many teach.

9 That is where Sarah is buried. The above expression of people does not mean Sarah, for it is plural.

10 -21 Seems that Satan is fighting this lineage because he knows the promise that says the Seed will crush his head. Most of this lineage has a hard time having children. Isaac knows to pray to JHWH to deal with difficulties in life. God answers prayer.

22 His wife, too, talks with God in prayer.

23 Some people get upset when you tell them something the LORD spoke to your heart. It happens on almost every page of the Bible, why not now? Here again is separation. Is the word stronger here referring to Jacob's will or Esau's might? The custom is for the firstborn to inherit more but God reserves the right to change custom, even Law, when it is for the blessing of mankind. We see this reversal several distinct times in Scripture. Our first born is the flesh. It should serve the new man!

26 Hairy and Mr. Heelgrabber which is a figure meaning to deceive.

27,28 When you get favorites you create your own problems. Parents should try to avoid this by going out of their way to see things to love in the other child, spending time with them.

29-31 Here goes the cunning one, catching him in a weak moment. Birthright meant to be the head of the clan after the father dies. He inherits property and possessions - at least 2/3rds, but also responsibility to care for the women and dependants.

32 Justification and exaggeration are the mental traps that lead to ruin.

33 God takes vows seriously. We need to guard our lips with all diligence.

34 Could these two be symbolic of Jews and Gentiles. The first born and rightful heir despised the birthright, (He was despised, and the Lord is our inheritance) so the Gentiles received it?