

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

02:08:15

Theme: CARNALITY IN ISAAC, S FAMILY

Memory Verse: *Romans 8:6 “For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”*

Texts: Genesis 27:1-46

Our lesson turns the searchlight of God on Isaac’s family revealing two carnal deeds which are contrary to God’s expectation of a godly family. The first is the unequal yoke in the marriage of Esau to Judith, the daughter of Beon the Hittite and Bashemath, the daughter of Elon the Hittite. Thus, Esau despised the command of his parent against unequal yoke in marriage. The second is the plan of Rebecca to help Jacob obtain his father’s blessing through deception.

Even though God had earlier revealed that the elder shall serve the younger (Genesis 25:23). He did not tell Rebecca in clear terms how this was going to be. Rebecca, obviously, was acting on this foreknowledge of the future of her two sons. She wanted to prevent a situation whereby the blessing will probably go to Esau by mistake. Hence, she arranged with Jacob, her favourite, to ensure that Esau did not get the blessing. But in reality, God does not need the craftiness of man to bring His Word to pass.

Rebekah, s conduct is similar to Sarah’s who advised Abraham to go in unto Hagar her maid to raise issue – an act which later became a problem till today. Carnality attracts condemnation from God irrespective of who is involved. The scripture clearly declare that “the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh can not please God”. Carnality is an act or conduct done to promote self, project self and propagate self interest. Self is at centre of carnality. This is contrary to the law of God and of life in the spirit, which is based on faith in the faithfulness, wisdom and power of God.