

THE DANGER OF SIBLING RIVALRY
GENESIS 25:24-26 / JUNE 25, 2017 / PM

I. FIRST, LET'S CONSIDER ESAU'S LIFE.

- A. What do we know about his family?
1. His parents were Isaac and Rebekah--25:21.
 2. Isaac preferred Esau while Rebekah preferred Jacob.
 3. He and Jacob were twins with Esau being born first--25:26.
 4. His name means "hairy".
 5. He married three women, the first two were pagans.
- B. What do we know about Esau's rivalry with his brother Jacob?
1. First, Esau foolishly gave his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of stew--25:29-34.
 2. Second, Esau lost his blessing to Jacob.
 - a. A blessing was thought to be a prophetic prediction of how a person's life would turn out.
 - b. Jacob's mother Rebekah helped him fool his father into thinking he was Esau. Why?-- Gen. 25:23.
 - c. What was the blessing?--Gen. 27:29.
 3. Esau plotted to kill Jacob.
 4. The brother's finally reunited and mended their relationship--33:1-4.
 5. Esau is considered the father of the nation called Edom .

II. NEXT LET'S CONSIDER ESAU'S LESSONS.

1. He was a skilled archer and hunter--Gen. 25:27.
2. He lived for the moment never considering the consequences of his actions--Gal 6:7.
3. He was unequally yoked with unbelievers in marriage--2 Cor 6:14.
4. He lived his life without any consideration for God--Heb. 12:16.
5. Since Esau rejected God, God rejected Esau--Mal 1:2-3
6. Can you see other lessons in Esau's life?

