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Title: “The War of the Seeds Continues”

Series: Genesis: Beginnings

Text: Genesis 27:46-28:9

1. New **SONS**, same **GOD**, vv. 1-5 (*see also 1:28; 9:1; 12:3; 17:1-8; 22:17; 24:3-4; 26:3-4, 24; Exodus 3:6; Psalm 105:8-10; Matthew 22:32; Hebrews 11:20; 13:8*).
2. New **ADVERSARY**, same **WAR**, 27:46, 28:6-9 (*see also 3:15; 4:8, 23-26; 21:9-10; Obadiah 1:10-18; Malachi 1:2-4; John 8:44; Romans 9:10-13; 16:20; Galatians 4:28-29; Heb. 12:16-17*).
3. New **MARRIAGES**, same **PROMISE**, vv. 1-5, 14 (*see also 3:15; 4:25; 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 24:60; 26:4; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:1-16; Gal. 3:8-9, 16, 29; 4:4-7*).

FOR FURTHER STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. Think of someone in your life who you would say is “consistent” in good qualities. What do they do or say that demonstrates that consistency? How does that influence your relationship with them?
2. In our Genesis series so far, what has God done and said to His people that has demonstrated that He is consistent, and in what? Use the cross references in point #1 above. From His consistency, what do we learn about the heart of God and His desire for relationship with us? Given how inconsistent we are in our faith and obedience, what does it tell you about His grace and love toward you?
3. Why were Esau’s Hittite marriages a problem, and how did they influence Isaac’s decision to send Jacob away for a wife? When Esau saw his father’s displeasure, how did he try to correct it (v. 9), and why did this align him more with the cursed line than the blessed? What does this reveal about his misunderstanding of God’s blessing, and how do his actions reflect the danger of trying to earn what comes only by God’s grace? Where do we see this tendency today, and how can it distort the Gospel of faith in the finished work of Jesus?
4. Read Genesis 4:1-16 and 21:9-10. How are both the stories of Cain & Abel and Ishmael & Isaac like that of Esau and Jacob in Gen. 26-27? How are they all examples of the war between the seeds from Gen. 3:15? How did Jesus, ultimately, secure the win through his death and resurrection and how do we share in His victory (see Gal. 4:4-7)?
5. While the victory is won, the war still wages. How do we see the war between the seeds still waging today? Who are the adversaries, what are their tactics, and how do we fight against them (see Eph. 6:10-17)? Since the war is spiritual, not physical, how can you prepare yourself for battle this week? Where might you be extra-vulnerable to attack and need prayer and help from your brothers and sisters in Christ?

NEXT WEEK: “Hope Anchored in His Life,” Hebrews 11:8-19, Pastor Andy McClellan

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