

The Chosen

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Genesis 25 : 19 - 34

I Was Adopted From China. People Ask If I Feel 'Lucky' — And My Answer Isn't What They Expect.

"As I was taken from my birth mother's arms and placed in the arms of my adoptive parents, I became a statistic — another baby uprooted by the world."



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79 COMMENTS



“My **epiphany** occurred when I realized that I am allowed to simultaneously love my parents and grieve what I lost.”

Genesis 25

19 This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was **forty years old** when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

21 Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.

22 The **babies jostled each other within her**, and she said, 'Why is this happening to me?' **So she went** to enquire of the LORD.

23 The LORD said to her,

'Two nations are in your womb,

and two peoples from within you will be separated;

one people will be stronger than the other,

and **the older will serve the younger.'**

Genesis 25

24 When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb.

25 The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a **hairy** garment; so they named him **Esau**.

26 After this, his brother came out, with his hand **grasping** Esau's **heel**; so he was named **Jacob**. Isaac was **sixty years old** when Rebekah gave birth to them.

27 The boys grew up, and Esau became **a skilful hunter**, a *man* of the open country, while Jacob was **content to stay at home** among the tents.

28 **Isaac**, who had **a taste for wild game**, loved Esau, but **Rebekah loved Jacob**.

29 Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, **famished**.

Genesis 25

30 He said to Jacob, ‘Quick, let me have some of that **red stew!** I’m famished!’
(That is why he was also called **Edom.**)

31 Jacob replied, ‘First **sell me your birthright.**’

32 ‘Look, **I am about to die,**’ Esau said. ‘**What good is the birthright** to me?’

33 But Jacob said, ‘Swear to me first.’ So **he swore an oath to him, selling** his birthright to Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So **Esau despised his birthright.**

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A silhouette of a pregnant woman standing in a field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The woman is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right, with her hands resting on her belly. The background consists of dark, silhouetted trees and bushes against the bright sky.

God Determined

Man Disposed

Christ Delivered

God Determined

- v19, This is account of Abraham's son Isaac.
- Gen 25:1-18



God Determined

- Rebekah was barren.
- Isaac prayed to the LORD.. The LORD answered.
- Babies jostled each other within her.
- She went to inquire of the LORD.



The LORD Said To Her, “Two Nations Are In Your Womb, And Two Peoples From Within You Will Be Separated; One People Will Be Stronger Than The Other, And The Older Will Serve The Younger.”

God Determined

Romans 9:11-13

11 Yet, before the twins were born or had **done anything good or bad**—in order that God’s purpose in **election** might stand:

12 not by works but by Him who calls—she (Rebekah) was told, **“The older will serve the younger.”**

13 Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”



Man Disposed

- v24 “When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb.”
- Esau, hairy.
- Jacob, heel-grabber (supplant/replace)



- v28, “Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.”



Man Disposed

“let me have some of that red stew..” (Edom)

“First sell me your birthright.”

Esau, firstborn. double share (Deut 21:17)

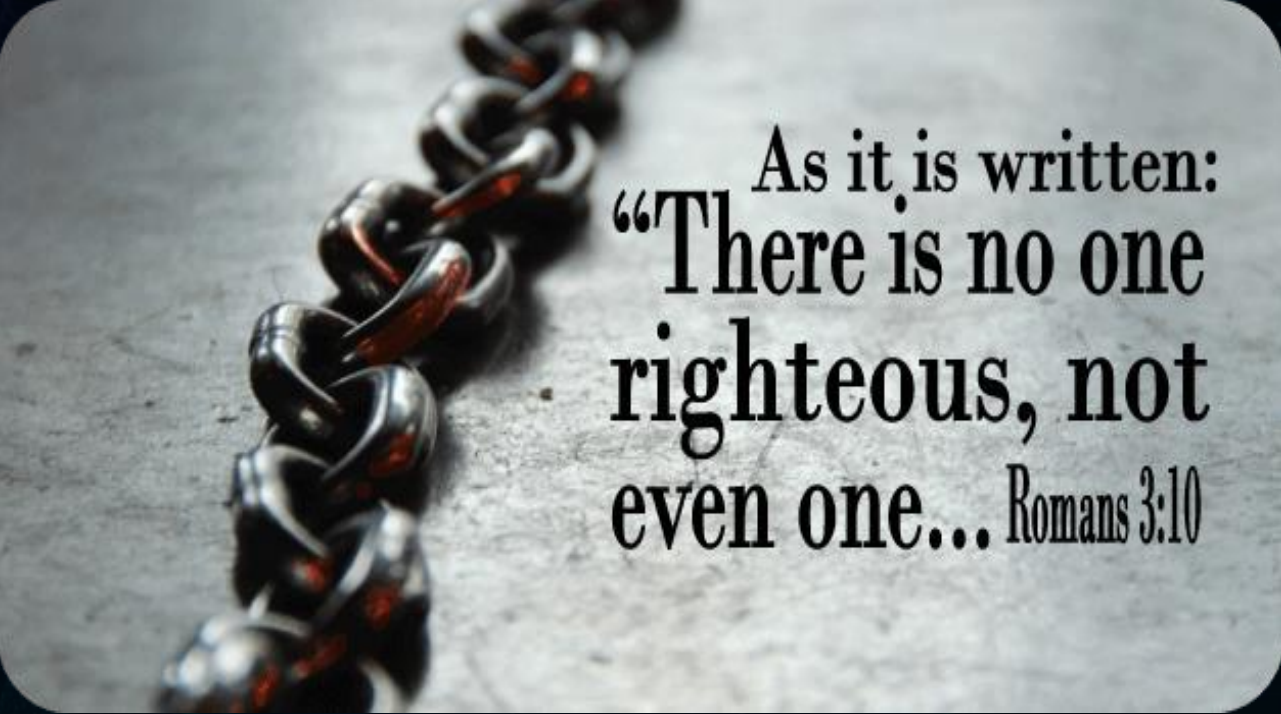
“So, Esau despised his birthright.”



Man Disposed

Hebrews 12:16,

“See that no one is **sexually immoral**, or is **godless like Esau**, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.”



As it is written:
“There is no one
righteous, not
even one... Romans 3:10

**Who can bring
a clean thing
out of an unclean?
not one.**

Job 14:4

Christ Delivered

Eph 1:4-5

“For **He chose us in Him** before the creation of the world to be **holy and blameless** in His sight. In love **He predestined us** for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will ”

Jesus gave himself for us
to redeem us from all wickedness
and to purify for himself a people
that are his very own eager to do good works.
Titus 2:14

Christ Delivered

Says the LORD. "Yet Jacob I have loved; But Esau I have hated..."

Eph 2:1-3

“.. **you were dead** in your transgressions and sins, .. **in which you used to live** ... All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. .. we were **by nature objects of wrath.**”

The Chosen Ones

**Ye have
not chosen
Me,
but I have
chosen you.**

John 15:16a



**God determined to elect us, but man is disposed
toward sins, so Christ delivered us.**