

## Genesis 25:29-34

<sup>29</sup> And when Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he was famished; <sup>30</sup> and Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I am famished." Therefore his name was called Edom. <sup>31</sup> But Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." <sup>32</sup> And Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die; so of what *use* then is the birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup> And Jacob said, "First swear to me"; so he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The birthright that Esau gave up to satisfy his stomach was to receive a double portion inheritance from Isaac, once his father was dead. But it was also much more than that, it was also the right to become the patriarch or ruling male over not only his family, but the entire tribe as well. So selling it for a meal showed how little value he placed on it. Could it be said, that for so many Christians today, the same is true for us; the blessing or promises that God has given to each of us have been sold out to satisfy our flesh. Why do so many believers take the countless blessings and favor of God, as a something to trifle with, something insignificant? Do we believe that we can do whatever we want, whenever we want, and that God will shower us with blessings because we have finally had our fill of our fleshly desires? Look with me at **Genesis 26:4-5**, <sup>4</sup> "And I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; <sup>5</sup> because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws." Clearly the Lord blessed Abraham, because Abraham obeyed God in everything that the Lord told him to do.

Are you obeying God in everything? If not, why not? Have you sold out your birthright in the kingdom of Heaven to fulfill your own sinful desires? Church, do we have to lose everything, before we repent and return to the Living God? Your choices matter, and the days of compromise must cease. Our Heavenly Father set us free, that we might become free indeed; not to return and partake of our sins in a greater manner than before. I am reminded of so many people whom the Lord blesses financially, who only go deeper in debt. Our God desires to bless His people, but the problem is that so many can't handle it. Why do people come to church to find a mate, get healed, ask for prayer for their barren womb, and to have their bills paid; only then to walk away, after God met them? Is this what we have become, a people who are only serving God for what He can give and do for us? How long before we stop taking for granted all that the Lord is offering today? Do you not realize that your sins and choices have made a separation between yourself and our God? Please consider **Isaiah 59:2**, **But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear.** Church we must repent from ALL of our sins, and return to Jesus our King! We have been called by the God of the universe to fulfill His kingdom purposes here on earth. This is certainly very serious business, and nothing to be taken lightly. Are you willing to obey your God in everything, as Abraham did? Abraham was no more perfect than any of us, yet he purposed to obey our God. What will eternity say about your choice?