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THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

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PART 22: HATED BY GOD

Abraham had two grandsons, Esau and Jacob, but only Jacob is listed in the hall of faith. **Hebrews 11:21**

HATED BY GOD

Being hated by God is the most terrible fate that can befall a human being. Even worse, the Bible tells us that God hated Esau before he was born. Believers in Christ need to understand that God is omniscient with the capacity to see the past, present and future at the same time. He is not bound by time like humans; therefore, God knew before the foundation of the world the choices that Esau would make during his lifetime on the earth. **Malachi 1:1-3; Romans 9:11-15**

Esau willfully sinned when he sold his birthright for a dinner, not realizing that he was rejecting God in doing so. **Genesis 25:29-34**

He willfully sinned a second time when he married two heathen women. **Genesis 26:34-35**

The apostle Paul warned about sinning willfully. **Hebrews 10:26-31**

Esau tried to repent with the wrong motive. He was not looking to get right with God, but to regain his birth right. **Hebrews 12:14-17**

Not only did Esau curse himself but he cursed all his descendants for the remainder of time on this earth. Only through Christ can a descendant of Esau be redeemed from the curse. **Malachi 1:3-4**

JACOB WAS NO ANGEL

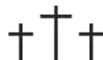
The name Jacob in Hebrew means "supplanter," which is a person who through deception tries to gain something that does not belong to him. Isaac and Rebekah gave him this name because of what took place at his birth. **Genesis 25:24-26**

When the opportunity came, Jacob did not hesitate to exploit Esau's weakness and steal his birthright for a bowl of soup and some bread. **verses 29-34**

When Rebekah asked him to lie and steal the blessing from his father, Jacob did not tell her that this was a sin and was more concerned about getting caught. **Genesis 27:11-13**

JACOB'S CONVERSION

Jesus told us that unless God is drawing a man to Himself, he cannot come to God. This is a spiritual law which cannot be circumvented. **John 6:44; 65**



When Jacob left his father and mother, he did not have any servants with him. He left alone, defeated and fleeing for his life. Isaac was very rich, but he did not send any wealth with Jacob and, as far as Isaac and Rebekah were concerned, they didn't know if Jacob would survive on his own or even if he would ever come back. It was at this low point in Jacob's life that God met him in a vision, and as a result, he had a personal encounter with God and made the God of Abraham and his father to also be his personal God. **Genesis 28:10-22**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?