

## Sermon Notes



**Title:** *Why the Family of Esau Matters*

**Text:** Genesis 36:1-43

**Theme:** The family of Esau matters because in this family we see both the kindness and the judgment of God on those who reject His covenant and disdain His promises. God showed kindness to those outside of His covenant household.

### I. Remembering Who Esau Was

### II. Exposition of Genesis 36:1-43

- A. Esau and His Family \_\_\_\_\_ in the Land of Seir (1-8)
  
- B. Esau's \_\_\_\_\_ Family (9-14)
  
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ and Early \_\_\_\_\_ of Esau's Family (15-19)
  
- D. The Family of the Man Esau \_\_\_\_\_ (20-30)

E. The \_\_\_\_\_ that Came from Esau's Family (31-39)

F. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the Clans of Esau (40-43)

### III. Applications

- A. God made it clear that Israel was \_\_\_\_\_ to the land of promise, not \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- B. God kept His \_\_\_\_\_ to Esau.
  
- C. God shows \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to those not \_\_\_\_\_ to be His people.
  
- D. The goodness and kindness of God shown to people demonstrates how \_\_\_\_\_ they really are.

**To read for next week: Genesis 37:1-36**

**Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:**

1. Who was Esau?
2. What is the Scripture's evaluation of Esau (see Hebrews 12:16)?
3. Where did Esau find wives to marry (v. 1)?
4. Why did Esau leave the land of Canaan (vv. 6-8)?
5. What do some scholars believe is significant about the family of Kenaz who is mentioned in verse 11?
6. What does the list of leaders indicate about the development of Esau's family (vv. 15-19)?
7. Whom did Esau's family dislodge from the land in which they settled (v. 20)?
8. What was significant about one of Esau's fathers-in-law (v. 24)?
9. What do some Biblical historians believe was true about the basis for the selection of Edom's kings that was different from the custom of the time?
10. When did the kings in Edom come into existence relative to Israel's leadership structure (v. 31)?
11. Scripture tells us that Esau was rejected as an heir of God's covenant promise (Gen. 25:23; Mal. 1:2-3; Rom. 9:13). What would the inclusion of Esau's genealogy in the Genesis account that records God exalting Jacob's family mean to the Israelites who were entering the land?
12. Why might it be important for there to be a record of what God had done for Esau and the land He had given to them?
13. What promise did God make to Esau (see Genesis 27:39-40 and Hebrews 11:20)?
14. How do we know that God shows goodness and kindness to those who will never believe and love Him?
15. What does this goodness and kindness that God bestows upon unbelievers ultimately demonstrate?