

THE BASICS

of

KNOWING GOD

Studies in Genesis

Scripture Reading

GENESIS 25:19 – 35:29

WHAT HAPPENS IN ISAAC'S LIFE?

1. Isaac's twins will be rivals (25:19-28).
2. His oldest son trades his inheritance for a meal (25:29-34).
3. God repeats to Isaac all his promises to Abraham (26:1-5).
4. God's blessing is on Isaac, even though he lies (26:6-35).
5. Jacob deceives Isaac to finally get Esau's property (27:1-28:9).
6. God will bless the world through Jacob's Offspring (28:10-22).
7. Laban out-tricks Jacob, the trickster (29:1-30).
8. Jacob has 11 sons with 4 different "wives" (29:31-30:24).
9. Deceptive Jacob finally escapes deceptive Laban (30:25-31:55).
10. The night before he faces Esau, Jacob faces God (chs. 32-33).
11. Jacob's sons are monsters (ch. 34).
12. Isaac dies, but sees Jacob commit to worship God (ch. 35).

THE MAIN POINT OF GENESIS 25–35

God is faithfully advancing his plan to bless the world, and he's doing so in a horribly messed up family.

1. GOD IS FAITHFUL—NO ONE CAN STOP HIS PLAN TO RESCUE THE WORLD THROUGH JESUS.

Behold, the LORD stood above [the stairway] and said, “...In you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Genesis 28:13-15

2. GOD IS GRACIOUS—NO SINNER (OR FAMILY) IS BEYOND HIS POWER TO SAVE.

- God showed that he was stronger than Jacob (32:25).
God will break you in order to heal you.
- God forced Jacob to admit his true character (32:27).
God wants to fight for you rather than against you.

CHRISTIANS CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATE OF YOUR FAMILY

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear....

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46:1-2, 10-11