

Title: The Father Blesses the Firstborn

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What is the purpose of God according to election? The purpose of God according to election is that salvation be accomplished by the work of his Son--that his Son might be the Firstborn among many brethren--all the honor and glory of the Firstborn belongs to Christ.

Romans 8: 28: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29: For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30: Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31: What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32: He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33: Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34: Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

The doctrine of election declares that salvation is not of our works--not only because we can do nothing to please God--but THAT the Son of God might be the Firstborn among many brethren.

Our text today is Genesis 27. Isaac and Rebekah had two boys--twins. While they were yet in the womb, the Lord told Rebekah--"it was said unto her"--that Jacob was the son chosen of God. So in Jacob we see a picture of a chosen, elect child of God. But to Isaac, the father, Esau was the "eldest son". Esau was the son who was born first. Isaac loved Esau, because he ate of his venison. God the Father loves Christ the Firstborn, who satisfies the Father with the meat of his finished work of redemption for his people. All blessing go to Christ the Firstborn

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- We come to God the Father robed in the garments of Christ the Firstborn
- We come to God the Father smelling of the sweetness of Christ the Only Begotten Son, in the name of his Son.
- We come not by our works, but one in his Son--so that his Son receives all the glory.
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Genesis 27:1: And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, [here am] I. 2: And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: 3: Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me [some] venison; 4: And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring [it] to me, that I may eat; that my

soul may bless thee before I die. 5: And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt [for] venison, [and] to bring [it].

Isaac is dying. He can't see. He calls Esau to bring him the savory venison he loves, v4:...that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

Genesis 27: 6: And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, 7: Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death. 8: Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.

Note: Nothing excuses the sin and deceit of Rebekah and Jacob. But even in the midst of sin and deceit, we see a picture of how every sinner must come to God the Father only in the name and merits of Christ Jesus.

Proposition: The only way you can come to God is to come in the name of the beloved Firstborn Son of God, Christ Jesus. You must come robed in his righteousness. You must come robed in the merits of Christ alone. That is what we see as we look at how Jacob came to be blessed of his Father.

Genesis 27: 9: Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth: 10: And thou shalt bring [it] to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death. 11: And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother [is] a hairy man, and I [am] a smooth man: 12: My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

The gospel comes to us at first like this came to Jacob. I am nothing like Christ the Firstborn. He is righteous; I am a sinner. He is holy, I am altogether unclean. God the Father will know I am a deceiver--all I am is sin. I shall bring a curse upon me, not a blessing.

Genesis 27: 13: And his mother said unto him, Upon me [be] thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me [them].

Christ became Surety from the foundation of the world--he entered into covenant with God--Christ said of all those son's given him of the Father: "Upon me, be thy curse, my son!"

Galatians 3:13: Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: Christ was made a curse for those given him of the Father.

His word to us now in power is: "only obey my voice". Believe on the Son, my son!

Genesis 27: 14: And he went, and fetched, and brought [them] to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved.

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Genesis 27: 15 And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which [were] with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son: 16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:

Believers come to God the Father by faith in Christ, robed in the garments of the Son he loves, Christ the Firstborn.

Isaiah 61:10: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness,

Genesis 27: 17: And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

All that is required of a sinner to be received of God the Father is prepared by another and placed into your hand

1 Corinthians 4:7: For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

Ephesians 2:8: For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Genesis 27: 18: And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here [am] I; who [art] thou, my son? 19: And Jacob said unto his father, I [am] Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

1. *I am, Esau thy firstborn*--We come to God the Father NOT in our own name--but in the name of Jesus Christ, thy Firstborn. To the Church at Pergamos the Lord said, "thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith." Of Paul the Lord said, Acts 9: 15: "he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name. John 16: 23: Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

2. *I have done according as thou badest me*--Through faith in Christ we rest in the work Christ accomplished--by faith we establish the law (Ro 3). Paul's hope was to stand in the work Christ had accomplished on his behalf, he said,

Philippians 3: 9: And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Genesis 27: 20: And Isaac said unto his son, How [is it] that thou hast found [it] so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought [it] to me.

How have you found Christ so quickly, my son?

Not of my will, not of my running, but of God that showeth mercy--because the Holy Spirit of the LORD God brought salvation to me!

Romans 10: 20:...I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

1 John 4:19: We love him, because he first loved us.

Genesis 27: 21: And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou [be] my very son Esau or not. 22: And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice [is] Jacob's voice, but the hands [are] the hands of Esau. 23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. 24 And he said, [Art] thou my very son Esau? And he said, I [am]. 25 And he said, Bring [it] near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought [it] near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank. 26: And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. 27: And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:

1. We come to God the Father smelling of the sweet-smell of Christ's raiment. Oh, let us be found of the all-knowing, all discerning, Father of heaven and earth as one in Christ--his VERY Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Psalm 45: 6: Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. 7: Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. 8: All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.,,,,

Ephesians 5: 2:...Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

So He Blessed Him

1. All Blessing is Given of God the Father to Christ Jesus the Son:

Genesis 27: 28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: 29: Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

2. Those who are made sons of God by God's electing grace are conformed to Christ by his predestinating grace brought to faith in his Son, and are made--joint-heirs with Christ--the Firstborn among many brethren:

Romans 8: 14: For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15: For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16: The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together. 18: For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

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