

HOW NOT TO FALL SHORT OF THE GRACE OF GOD
A WARNING FROM THE LIFE OF ESAU
Genesis 25:27-34

I. LEARN FROM HOW THE MEN ARE DESCRIBED (27)

- A. Esau is a knowledgeable hunter and outdoorsman

- B. Jacob is sound minded tent dweller

II. LEARN FROM WHAT WAS LOVED ABOUT THEM (28)

- A. Esau was loved for what he could do

- B. Jacob was simply loved

III. MORE IMPORTANTLY, LEARN FROM HOW THEY LIVED: Jacob is interested in spiritual things yet goes about it wrongly. Esau chooses the physical, not caring about the spiritual (the promises of God) (29-34)

- A. **Jacob tried to get the spiritual blessing his way (29-31)**

- B. **Esau was a godless man who lived for the present and thus despised the spiritual (the promises of God) (32-34)**
 - 1. He valued the physical and the present over than the spiritual and eternal (32)

 - 2. He followed through with his actions, selling his birthright for a single meal (33-34a)

 - 3. He had no guilt or afterthought until he realized it would not benefit him (34 Heb. 12:16-17)

 - 4. He is summed up as one who despised his birthright (i.e. the spiritual) (34b)

IV. BE WARNED, ESAU EXEMPLIFIES THOSE WHO FALL SHORT OF HIS GRACE: Esau's choice revealed he was a godless, immoral, unrepentant man (Hebrews 12:16-17)