

## STUDY TWENTY FOUR

# WALKING IN THE LIGHT

## Genesis 27: 1-40

### Introduction

Isaac is now old and can hardly see. It was the custom at this time for an old man to pronounce his blessing on his children and make some division of the inheritance. Isaac's words were prophetic. He spoke as God's representative. Once uttered they could not be changed. Isaac does not realise the significance of this until he becomes aware of the deception that Jacob commits. The family has been caught up in a complex web of favouritism and deceit. The grief that comes from not walking in the light with one another is a lesson for us.

### Questions For Discussion

1.a) What did Isaac tell Esau to do for him (vv.3-4)?

b) What was the basis of Isaac's love for his son? (See Gen. 25:27-28)

c) How might we exasperate or embitter our children? (See Eph. 6:4 and Col. 2:21)

d) On what basis should we love our children?

2. According to God's prophecy in Genesis 25:23 who should Isaac have given the blessing to?

3.a) Who suggested to Jacob to deceive his father (vv.5-10)?

b) Why?

c) What should Rebekah have done to ensure that Jacob received the birthright?

4.a) What was Jacob afraid of (v.12)?

b) What was Rebekah's reply (v.13)?

c) What was her spiritual life like?

d) What difference is there between the curse of God and the curses of men?

e) How should we react when men curse us? (See 1Cor. 4:12)

5. What was Jacob's sin (v.35)?

6.a) What happened when Isaac realised that he did not give his blessing to Esau (v.33)?

b) Why did Isaac tremble? (Note: at this time Isaac realised that God had blessed the one He had chosen and that he had been trying to act against God's will.)

### **For Further Thought And Action**

Search your heart for any deceit there may be. Ask God for forgiveness for that and the help to be honest.

### **Memory Verse**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin.

1John 1:7