

The Life of Jacob

Br. Russell states in Volume 6, page 172 that Jacob is a type of the New Creation. Based on this, his life experiences should have lessons for all of God's consecrated children.

Week One

Early Life (Genesis 25:20-34)

1. Who were Jacob's parents and recount the story of his prenatal existence and birth including what God told his mother
2. Give a definition of a birthright during Old Testament times.
3. How did Jacob obtain the birthright being the younger child.
4. What does this say about the characters of Jacob and Esau?
5. Shouldn't Jacob just have given Esau something to eat instead of making him pay for it? Why or why not?
6. What is our birthright and how could we lose it?

Week Two

Jacob's Deception (Genesis 27:1-40)

1. Relate the situation when Isaac was old and felt he was about to die. Include the deception by Rebecca and Jacob.
2. Was the deception justified since Esau had sold his birthright to Jacob and didn't confess this to his father?
3. What might have Jacob and Rebecca done instead, since Esau was Isaac's favorite, but they knew that God favored Jacob?
4. Is a deception or lying ever justified? If so, under what circumstances?
5. If Jacob is a type of the New Creation what does Esau represent?

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