

Keep God's Blessings

“Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without Holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears.” (Hebrews 12:14-17)

When God created us He had already a good and perfect plan for every one of us. Now to be in such a plan first and foremost we must accept God's plan and will for us.

God had sent His Son Jesus Christ to the world to save us from sins and death. Truly Jesus died for our sins on the cross, He was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His ways.

After we receive Jesus as Savior and Lord over our lives we have to maintain holiness in our living because without holiness we cannot see the Lord. If you will not keep holiness, not only that you will not receive God's blessing but as well as you will not be able to reach eternity.

The scripture for this message it mention the name of a man called Esau, who missed the grace of God. We will read together the story of this man; He is the elder twin of his younger brother Jacob, their Father Isaac and their mother Rebekah; this is the account of them.

“Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire the Lord. The Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.” When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was a quiet man, staying among the tents. Isaac who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, “quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!” (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, “First, sell me your

birthright.” “Look, I am about to die,” Esau said. “What good is the birthright to me?” But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an oath to him, selling his birth right to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.” (Genesis 25:21-34)

Now Esau is the older son and he has the birth right of the blessing, but he took it lightly. He was not careful to guard it and keep it. Just because he was hungry he sold his birthright blessing to his brother only for some bread and some Lentil stew. Let us continue reading the story.

“When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, “My son,” “Here I am,” he answered. Isaac said, “I am now old man and don't know the day of my death. Now then, get your weapons—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.” (Genesis 27:1-4) Isaac had asked Esau to prepare some choice food for him and to come and bless Him, but Rebekah who was listening as Isaac spoke to his son, she went and inform Jacob about that and she said to, ***“Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.” (Genesis 27:9-10)*** Jacob did exactly what his mother told him and he brought the food to Isaac to eat. In return Isaac blessed Jacob for he recognized him as Esau because he was putting on his neck and his hands the goatskin to be hairy as Esau.

After Jacob left Isaac with the blessing, Esau came and when he found out that Jacob stolen his blessing he wept bitterly and said, ***“Bless me—me too, my Father.”*** But Isaac replied, ***“Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.”***

My dear and beloved: In certain times of our lives we despised what God had ordained to us to receive. We easily give up God's blessing and exchanged it with cheap and perishable things. Esau sold his blessing only for piece of bread and lentil stew. He couldn't control himself and we may do the same when we choose to loss our blessing by doing sins. Little stolen money, affair with someone not your spouse, uncontrollable anger, alcohol drinking, and alike things can do us the same harm. Esau story it teaches us that we may loss our blessing and we may not be able to take it back. Therefore let us consider our ways and repent from our sins and commit ourselves once again to him as we agree to pray.

My prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died for my sins on the cross and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, I repent before you from my sin of _____. I commit myself once again to serve You diligently and to live in holiness, waiting for You to come and take me to heaven to spent eternity with You. Thank You Lord for the assurance that I receive from Your word. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.