# God's Seed:

Our Spiritual Journey to Receiving our "Blessing" (Good works we are predestined to walk in:

A place of rest where God works through us)

**Eph 2:10**- For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.

## <u>Altar (Isaac and Ishmael)</u>

## Isaac Represents: God's Seed, Supernatural Birth, Son Mentality

Find comfort and companionship in: 1) The realm of heaven 2) With your heavenly Father, 3) Brother (Jesus) (Romans 8:29, Galatians 4:1-7), 4) Best friend and helper (Holy Spirit) and 5) Other brothers and sisters and future brothers and sisters in Christ. Hunger to know your identity in Christ, through the revelation of God's Word.

## Ishmael Represents: Man's Seed, Natural Birth, Orphan Mentality

Living in self-preservation and constantly trying to find comfort and companionship in the realm of the world. Searching for our identity in who we are in the world and what people think about us.

At the altar we see two different people, Isaac and Ishmael. To operate in the reality of heaven while living on earth we first need to get rid of the Ishmael/Orphan mentality. We do this by spending TIME in true worship in the outer court (altar and lavar).

Gal 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gives birth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travails not: for the desolate has many more children than she which has an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what says the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

#### Killing off Ishmael (the old man, flesh)

As scripture tells us we are two different people the "old man" (Ismael/flesh/orphan mentality) and the "new man" (Isaac/spirit/son mentality). In order to operate in the reality of a son we need to "cast out the bondwomen and her son" we need to kill off the "old man" (orphan) first, if we want to operate in the "new man" (son).

Rom 6:4-8 - Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection: Knowing this, that our **old man is crucified with** *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

**Eph 4:22-24** That ye **put off concerning the former conversation the old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye **put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

**Col 3:9-10-** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye **have put off the old man with his deeds**; And have **put on the new** *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

- Abraham had two sons from two different wives. The first was from Hagar which symbolizes bondage (When we are in our self-preservation and seeking comfort and companionship in the world we will find ourselves in mental, physical, financial and spiritual bondage). The second was from Sarah who symbolizes the promise. Just as Ishmael (orphan mentality) persecuted Isaac (son mentality) so does our flesh (world consciousness and self-consciousness) persecute our spirit (God-consciousness).
- **Rom 9:-8** Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the **seed** of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, <u>In Isaac shall thy **seed** be called</u>. That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the <u>children of the **promise** are counted for the **seed**.</u>
- Through confessing with our mouth and believing with our heart we receive a seed (become a child of God). However to operate in the reality of a son while living on this earth the seed must be born (baptized) in water (Laver, God's word) and Spirit (oil, anointing, calling).
- **Joh 3:3, 5, 6** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot **see** the kingdom of God. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of **water** and *of* the **Spirit**, he cannot **enter** into the kingdom of God. **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**
- This scripture tells us unless we are born again we cannot "see" the kingdom of God. If we do not receive salvation (come to the altar and give our life) while living on earth we will not "see" into the kingdom of God, it will be foolishness to us. "But the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 CO 2:14)"

- Jesus then goes on to teach us on the difference between being a Christian and "seeing" into the kingdom and actually "entering" the kingdom. Unless we are "born of <u>water</u> and <u>spirit</u>" we cannot "<u>enter</u> into the kingdom of God." This "enter into" is referring to entering into the "reality of heaven" while living on earth and we cannot enter into this unless the "seed/new creature planted at the altar" is born of water (lavar: God's word) and (Spirit: Oil/ lampstand/ Anointing/ Calling)
- **Luk 1:35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
- We start out just like Jesus, as a seed. At salvation the Holy Spirit came upon us and the power of the Highest overshadowed us and a holy thing was planted inside us, a child of God. However, just like Jesus had to be brought to term by His earthly parents we too must be brought to term by our spiritual parents before we can have mature relationship with our heavenly Father and act like a son. We need spiritual parents that like Paul are willing to "travail in the Spirit" until "Christ is formed in us". Gal 4:19- My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.
- We need someone to give us milk before we can eat meat. Heb 5:12-14 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for **he is a babe.** But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Co 3:1-3 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat; for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? I love in Corinthians 3 Paul rebukes them for walking as "mere men". Instead of walking in the supernatural reality of a son of God empowered by the Holy Spirit, they were still walking in the "old man" the "orphan mentality". Until we make a choice to "cast out the bondwomen and her son" we will remain in the "old man" and never experience the reality of walking as a son on earth, walking in the reality that Jesus walked in and is available to us.
- **1Jn 3:9, 10 -**Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for his **seed** remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever does not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother.
- 1Jn 5:18- We know that whosoever is born of God sins not; but he that is begotten (born) of God keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not.
- In this way we know whether or not we are walking in the Spirit (righteousness) or in the flesh (sinning, not loving our brother, and being persecuted by the wicked one). Christ defeated Satan at the cross and when we crucify our flesh (Ishmael) and Christ is living in and through us, through our thoughts and

actions Satan cannot touch us. We are seated with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6).

## Laver (Rebekah)

Rebekah Represents: The Holy Spirit

If Isaac represents a *Son Mentality*, not living in self-preservation, but seeking comfort and companionship in the love of the Father, *t*hen, <u>Rebekah (Isaac's wife)</u>-represents being united with a partner to produce something.

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet (helper) for him.

In the beginning it was not good for a man to be alone so God made a helper for him to accomplish the task that God had given him. Before Jesus left the disciples with an enormous task (great commission) He too left the disciples with a helper. John 14:12-18 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him: but ye know him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless (as an orphan): I will come to you.

Gen 24:3, 4 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a **wife** unto my son Isaac. Gen 24:38 But thou shalt go **unto my father's house**, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.

When Abraham was choosing a wife for Isaac he told his servant to go to his father's house to find a wife (helper, someone to produce with). As born again Christians we need to go to our heavenly Father and ask for the Holy Spirit to help us produce "good works" for God's kingdom, "Luk 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Luke 11:13" It is important we go to our heavenly Father and do not try to produce "religious works" from where we are currently living (among the Canaanites/fleshly people).

John 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, **whom the Father will send** in my name, he shall <u>teach you all things</u>, and <u>bring all things to your remembrance</u>, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Just as Abraham's servant went to his father's house to find a suitable helper for Isaac. Jesus the ultimate servant went to His Father for us to have a suitable helper and companion; someone that we could partner with to give birth to spiritual offspring.

- Gen 24:43, 44 Behold, I stand by the <u>well of water</u>; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink; And she says to me, <u>Both drink thou</u>, and I will also draw for thy camels: *let* the same *be* the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son.
- The sign for Isaac's wife was to be a woman that would not only quench the servant's thirst (personal needs) but also the servant's camels (mode of transportation/ ministry). I love this about the Holy Spirit, He first meets our needs, then once our needs our met He pours into our ministry to touch others.
- John 7:37-39 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth (*Faith/persuasion*) on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly (Greek-womb) shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
- The same sign for Isaac's wife is the same sign for our helper. As we go to Jesus and drink, the Holy Spirit first meets our needs through increasing our faith (Greek-*persuasion*) then once we have been persuaded. From out of our belly (or spiritual womb) the Holy Spirit produces spiritual offspring through us for God's kingdom.
- Joh 4:11-14- The woman said unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that **living water**? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinks of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall **never thirst**; but the water that I shall give him shall be **in him a well of water springing up** into everlasting life.
- Jesus told the women at the well "whosoever drinks of the water I shall give him shall never thirst". As we go to Jesus and drink out of our belly or "spiritual womb" will flow rivers of living water. This is the Holy Spirit flowing in and through us to touch others and it is when this happens that we shall "never thirst". It is when this happens we shall no longer be in our self-preservation and seeking comfort and companionship away from the Lord. We will be like Jesus in John 4. Joh 4:31-34 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Has any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus said unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Jesus' "meat" or physical/emotional/spiritual nourishment was to "do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work". This is what gave Jesus energy; this is what fueled his mind, will and emotions. As the orphan gets out of the way and the son of God living inside us begins to take over every area of our life, "doing the will of the Father and finishing his work" should become what fuels us as well.
- -Rebekah represents the <u>Holy Spirit's teaching</u> and Isaac (God's seed) must be married (totally committed) to a lifelong partnership with the Holy Spirit to grow and mature. If the seed ever has any hopes of ever growing roots, growing out of the ground and finally producing fruit it must receive water. In order to receive this water (washing of the word/ teaching of the Holy Spirit) a person must have first been fully baptized (submerged) in true worship: *laver*,

blood, totally dying to self, killing off Ishmael/driving factors seeking comfort and companionship with the world.

## Table of Showbread (Jacob and Esau)

Jacob (Spirit, child of God) Esau (Flesh, focused on works)

When Isaac married (totally committed and united) to Rebekah they produced Jacob and Esau. When we make a commitment to listen to the Holy Spirit and let him teach us through God's word in ALL our decisions, we will begin to hear God's voice and He will begin to reveal His will for our life. With these revelations and instruction from our Father comes two ways of bringing God's will to pass. Jacob represents resting in the Spirit and receiving the "blessing" (anointing/calling) and Esau represents working in the Flesh and selling our "birthright" (good works we are predestined to walk in, Ephesians 2:10).

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath <u>before ordained</u> that we should walk in them.

Gen 25:22, 23 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If *it be* so, why *am* I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

Rebekah was uncomfortable in her pregnancy because "the children struggled together within her" and she asked the Lord what was going on. I have often wondered this, after I spent years being fully submerged at the altar and the lavar I began to eat at the "table of showbread" which are the sweet revelations we receive from the Father concerning our future and what He has called us to do. Although these revelations are sweet in receiving them, they often become uncomfortable once we have ingested them. This same thing happened to John in Revelations 10:10 – "And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter."

The Lord told Rebekah that she had two nations in her womb and two manner of people shall be separated from her bowels. The same thing happens in us through our "spiritual womb" we have the "fleshly/orphan" mentality trying to do ministry and we have the "spirit/child of God/thinking like Jesus" mentality trying to do ministry.

Just like we wrestled with our Isaac mentality (a son seeking comfort and companionship in the kingdom of heaven) and Ishmael mentality (an orphan seeking comfort and companionship in the realm of the world), we also wrestle with our Jacob mentality (a son seeking comfort resting in the Father's presence) and Esau mentality (an orphan seeking comfort in the realm of religion "works").

Rom 9:10-13 And not only *this;* but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac; (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, **not of works, but of him that calls**;)

It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, **Jacob have I loved**, **but Esau have I hated**.

- "Jacob have I loved, But Esau have I hated." Esau represents "works" and trying to serve God in the flesh. God hates it when we try to serve Him in the flesh; serving with an orphan mentality, operating in our *self-preservation* and looking for *comfort* in religious works and *companionship* with religious people. "Not of works but of him that calls" our ministry should be something that God has *called* and *anointed* us to do, not trying to please our religious leaders through dead works.
- Gen 25:27-34 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint: And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red *pottage*; for I *am* faint: therefore was his name called Edom. And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I *am* at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised *his* birthright.
- "Isaac loved Esau but Rebekah loved Jacob." Our heavenly Father's first choice was to bless Esau (Jew) but because they would not get out of their religious works they sold their birthright and the Holy Spirit was given to Jacob (Gentile). This is why we see the Holy Spirit being poured out in Africa and is quenched, grieved and resisted in many religious circles.
- It is interesting whenever we read the story of Jacob and Esau we always feel sorry for Esau and think Jacob is a slime ball. I always thought this way too, until the Lord began to show how their story relates to my own spiritual journey. Ok let's break it down. Remember Isaac represents our born again spirit (seed), Rebekah represents the Holy Spirit and when we choose to marry (be totally committed and devoted to a lifelong partnership) our born again spirit and the Holy Spirit will produce a "desire/seed/idea" to do something for God's kingdom. This desire takes on two life forms; one generates from our flesh (world consciousness and self-consciousness) and works (Esau) the other comes from the spirit (God-consciousness) spending time in our Father's presence and being comforted by the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 25:27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

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As we spend time (days/years) being fully submerged at the altar (true worship) and laver (God's word) dying to fleshly things (world conscious and self-conscious), we will begin to come alive in Spirit (God-conscious, spiritual eyes and ears). Once we die to the realm of the world and realm of religion our eyes

and ears may then be opened to the realm of God and what God's will is here on earth.

Mat 13:15-17 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; (They were only living in world consciousness and self-consciousness) lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. (They had come alive in spirit, Godconsciousness) For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them;* and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

Num 12:6 - And he said, hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, *I* the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, *and* will speak unto him in a dream.

Act 2:16-18 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

**Pro 29:18- Where** *there is* **no vision, the people perish**: but he that keeps the law, happy *is* he.

God does want to speak to His people! God wants to open our eyes to see what He sees and open our ears to hear his voice, just like the prophets of old. Proverbs says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" when we remain in our flesh (world consciousness and self-consciousness) we cannot become Godconscious and prophesy. As stated earlier, promised in Joel and experienced in Acts, God will "pour out his Spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy". All throughout Acts we see as people followed the pattern of the tabernacle totally died to their world-consciousness and self-consciousness the Holy Spirit would come and make them God-conscious. Then people would speak what was revealed to them "in" the spirit (this is what it means to prophesy). This is what Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 14 we should be doing as the body of Christ, coming together and prophesying in turn to "edify, exhort and comfort".

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When we begin to come alive "in spirit" and begin to "yada/know" God's will for our life and start "ascertain by seeing" what God wants done. We need to make sure that an Esau (fleshly mentality or works) does not begin to creep into our mental disposition. This is a hunter mentality where we are constantly chasing and hunting when and how what we have seen in the spirit is going to be brought to pass in the natural. This is a dangerous mentality because we will make hasty decisions in the flesh "believing in faith" that it is what God want's

done because we have "seen and heard it" in the spirit. Once we have come alive in spirit we must be very careful that an Esau (orphan) mentality does not creep in otherwise we will miss out on our birthright (inheritance right of the first born/ further revelations and promises from scripture for our life). We must keep a Jacob mentality and "rest in our father's presence" until Rebecca (Holy Spirit) helps us receive a covering (anointing) where we can receive a blessing.

- Genesis 25:27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, **dwelling in tents**.
- Once again we look at Jacob and think what a bum. As Esau was out working and hunting and being productive, Jacob was "dwelling in tents". What was it in Jacob that made him "dwell in tents" and what was it in Esau that pushed him to be active in the field and how does this apply to our spiritual journey? Well, we have already seen what a "cunning hunter" means and how that applies to our spiritual journey, let's see what it means to be "plain" and how that applies to our spiritual journey.
- "Jacob was a plain man" Plain ta m (tawm) From H8552; complete; usually (morally) pious; specifically gentle, dear: coupled together, perfect, plain, undefiled, upright.
- "Plain" comes from the root word meaning "complete" Jacob was not in his selfpreservation and seeking comfort and companionship away from His Father he stayed close to his Father's presence dwelling in tents. Is there anyone else in scripture that dwelled in the Father's presence in tents? How can we apply this to our spiritual journey in Christ?
- **"Dwelling in tents"** Exo 33:9-11 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the LORD* talked with Moses. And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand *at* the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man *in* his tent door. And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.
- Once we begin to come alive "in Spirit" and God begins to show us things that He wants done. It is important that we continue dwell in the Fathers presence until we receive the "blessing/ anointing/ calling".
- Heb 12:15-17 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as **Esau**, **who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright**. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have **inherited the blessing**, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.
- Birthright (Inheritance rights of the firstborn) Romans 8:29, 30, Colossian's 1:12-15,
- Eph 1:11-18 In whom also we have obtained an **inheritance**, being **predestinated** according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye

heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, **Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession**, unto the praise of his glory. Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the **spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him**: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; **that ye may know what is the hope of his calling**, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

Many Christians today have not "inherited the blessing" (anointing, calling, Holy Spirit coming "upon" them), because they have gotten caught up in religion and have sold their birthright. Because of this many Christians have not "received the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him" and have failed to have, "the eyes of their understanding enlightened that they may know what is the hope of His calling" and because of this they are missing out on "the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints".

# **Lampstand- (Blessing, Covering, Anointing)**

**Gen 27:1-29** 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. And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death: Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me *some* venison; And make me savory meat, such as I love, and bring *it* to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

**Esau was Isaac's favorite and chosen son in the same way Israel was our heavenly Father's chosen children.** Mat 10:5-6 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the **lost sheep of the house of Israel**.

And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. And Rebekah spoke unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, Bring me venison, and make me savory meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savory meat for thy <u>father</u>, such as he loves: And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death. And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man: 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. And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only **obey my voice**, and go fetch me them. And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved. 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: And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck: And she gave the **savoury meat and the bread**, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

- Rebekah helps Jacob receive the blessing: The Father was going to bless Esau but Rebekah helps Jacob receive the blessing by giving him two things; 1) Savory meat which the Father loves, 2) A covering so he looked and smelt like the older son.
- And Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* venison, *and* to bring *it*. And Rebekah spoke unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, Bring me venison, and make me savory meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death. Now therefore, my son, **obey my voice according to that which I command thee**.
- "Obey my voice according to that which I command thee"- It is important that we obey what the Holy Spirit tells us to do. Often the Holy Spirit will ask us to do things that are out of our comfort zone when we begin to live a life of worship. Obedience to the Holy Spirit's leading is very important in receiving blessings from the Father.
- And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man: 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.** And his mother said unto him, **Upon me** *be* **thy curse, my son: only obey my voice**, and go fetch me *them*.
- "Upon me be thy curse my son, only obey my voice". I think this is a hang up for many Christians who want to receive a blessing from their heavenly Father, but do not feel worthy because of their sins (curse). But oh thank you Jesus for taking our curses on the cross!!! Gal 3:13-14 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 hangs on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Once again thank you Jesus!!!!!

  We just need to obey your sweet voice. Mat 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Thank you Jesus and precious Holy Spirit for pointing us to Him.
- Back to the Story of Rebekah (Holy Spirit) helping Jacob receive the blessing. Rebekah helps Jacob receive the blessing by giving him two things; 1) Savory meat which the Father loves, 2) A covering so he looked and smelt like the older son.

Savory meat represents = Praise and worship which the Father loves The older son's covering represents = Putting on Christ.

If Esau represents the flesh and trying to please the Father through the law/works, then Jesus is the only one that fulfilled the law and was every able to please the Father through His works. This is why we must "put on" the covering of Christ.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Putting on" Christ

Rom 13:14- But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

- **1Co 15:53,54** For this **corruptible must put on incorruption**, and this **mortal** *must* **put on immortality**. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- Gal 3:26-29 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

#### "Aroma" of Christ

Also just as Jacob smelled like Esau we should also smell like Christ as we go to our Father to receive our blessing. 2Co 2:15- For we are unto God the fragrance of Christ, among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.

The oldest son's covering also represents the manifest presence of God (abiding presence) or Glory cloud that followed the Israelites out of Egypt (Acts 10:38, Numbers 9:15-23, Exodus 13:20-22, Isaiah 4:5, Exodus 40:34, 1 Kings 8:10-11, Exodus 33:9, 10). By spending time under the covering or "glory cloud" (manifest presence of God, calling/anointing) we are "transformed to Christ's image from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18). Through praise and worship (altar and lavar) we enter into God's presence where we are transformed and then we are able to receive the blessing from the Father.

Gal 3:27 -For as many of you as have been "baptized" into Christ have put on Christ.

So how do we "put on Christ"? How do we get under this glory cloud, anointing/calling?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Yeah bummer that is correct, in order to "put on Christ" we must first be "buried with him by baptism into death" then from this death can come a "newness of life". This means that we must come through the Altar/ "baptism unto death" (quit living in self-preservation and seeking comfort and companionship away from the Lord) and lavar (sanctify your feet/path of life, and hands/work, <u>daily</u> through the washing of the word) before we can receive the blessing (anointing/calling) from the father.

Gen 27:27-29- 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: Therefore God give thee of the **dew of heaven**, and the **fatness of the earth**, and **plenty of corn and wine**: 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.

**Blessing**: Dew of Heaven, Fatness of earth, Plenty of Corn and wine, People serve you, nations bow down, lord over your brethren

**Dew of Heaven** = Shekinah Glory, Manifest Presence, Anointing, Calling

**Fatness of Earth** = Earthy Blessings (just like Adam in the Garden of Eden, and Jesus as He walked this earth **ALL** our earthly needs met)

**Plenty of Corn** = Spiritual Food (Revelations from the Father)

**Plenty of Wine** = Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit

**People serve you, nations bow down, lord over brethren**: Promoted to a place of influence

As the anointing works through a person and the Holy Spirit guides there decisions leading them to success, they will receive a place of prominence (like Joseph, Daniel, Jeremiah or the kings in the bible). God is looking for leaders, (children of God influenced by the word of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit) in management positions. In the Old Testament the only people that received the anointing's were kings, priests and prophets. The priests and prophets did not have much influence on the people it was the kings who influenced the people. It is the same today; the pastors of churches do not have that much influence on the community, it is the kings (owners of companies, coaches, teachers, etc.). It is not necessarily the job of the priest (people who help us understand God's written word) and prophet (people who help us hear and respond to God's spoken word) to influence their communities, it is the job of pastors and prophets and teachers to teach Kings and future Kings how to operate under an anointing in their day to day life.

After Jacob received his blessing (anointing calling) things did not get easier for him on earth. There is much more to write on the journey of Jacob and the long uncomfortable journey of prophecy (God's spoken word) fulfilled in our life. However, for now beings I am still in the middle of some of it, this is all I feel like I am supposed to post for now.