

ISAAC'S FAITH

Hebrews 11:20

Isaac passed hope to his children

I. HIS CHARACTERIZATION: By faith

A. AN IMPERFECT FAITH

1. He showed favoritism toward Esau - Gen. 25:28
2. He lied about Rebekah being his sister - Gen. 26:7
3. He bribed Esau for stew by offering a blessing - Gen. 27:3-4

B. AN ABIDING FAITH

1. He's still believing that the unfulfilled promises of God will be accomplished
2. He finished well though previously floundering pitifully

II. HIS CONDUCT: He blessed ...

A. THE PRESUMPTION - Gen. 27:2

1. He thinks that he's near death
2. He trying to get his house in order

B. THE PARTICULARS - Gen. 27: 28-29, 39-40

1. Jacob's Blessing - Gen. 27:28-29
 - a. Prosperity (28)
 - b. Preeminence (29a)
 - c. Protection (29b)
 - d. Preference (29c)
2. Esau's "Blessing" - Gen. 27:39-40
 - More like a modified curse ... [Keil and Delitzsch, p. 277 – Vol. 1 of Commentary on the OT]
 - a. Infertility (39)
 - b. Hostility (40a) > See Amos 2:1-3 for an example
 - c. Instability (40b)
 - Cycles of servitude > revolt > reconquest

C. THE PECULIARITIES

1. These blessings were directed by God
2. These blessings were different than expected

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III. **HIS CONFIDENCE**: Things to come

A. PROMISES

1. Isaac believed his sons had a future
2. Isaac bequeathed unseen things to his sons!
- Things that were unseen but not uncertain - See Heb. 11:1

B. PREDICTIONS

1. Their turmoil > There would be unrest between these brothers
2. Their survival > Their lineage would not be utterly destroyed or disappear

CONCLUSION:

Don't just give your kids a home, an heirloom or a heritage ... give them hope!

The best legacy we can leave our children is our hope in the Lord