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Family Secrets

Abraham's Family Secrets

Genesis 28:8-9

⁸ So Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan displeased his father Isaac; ⁹ and Esau went to Ishmael, and married, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.

Focal Truth:

Esau hated his parents living in open rebellion against them.

Observations:

1. God promised Isaac that the seed of Messiah would come through him. – Gen. 26:2-5
2. Esau was a selfish, sinful man who loved himself more than his family. – Gen. 25:32
3. Esau married godless women in rebellious hatred of his parents. – Gen. 26:34-35; 28:6-9
4. Esau's choices to marry godless wives brought deep grief to his parents. – Gen. 27:46

Things to Remember and Do:

1. God's promised purpose for Messiah to come through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was accomplished regardless of family sin and resistance.
2. God commands children – Honor your parents and obey them!
3. Children who live in rebellious sin – live in bitterness – causing bitterness to their parents.
4. In these days children's hateful rebellion toward their parents is great – repent of your disobedience to your parents. – 2 Tim. 3:2



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