

Devotional Thoughts

Genesis 27:20

But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" and he said, "Because the Lord your God brought it to me."

Isaac was ill and thought that death was at his doorstep so he sent his son Esau into the field to hunt and make him his favorite meal. It was his intention at the meal to pass a blessing on to Esau. When Rebekah heard his plan, she came up with a scheme of her own. She knew that God intended this blessing for Jacob so she dressed him in animal skin, prepared a meal, and attempted to deceive her husband. Jacob dressed the part and brought the meal to his father. When questioned as to who he was and how he had acquired the game so quickly he replied *"it is me Esau and the Lord brought it to me."*

Let's examine that statement. Was this actually the Lord? There is no question that it was the Lord's intention for the blessing to be given to Jacob not Esau. But the way these events transpired was anything but the Lord. Lying, deceiving, and manipulating are never the pathway that leads to the will of God. Instead of scheming the proper response should have been praying, trusting and submitting to the Word of God.

It seems to me that many are guilty of these same sins today. We realize that God has made us promises but rather than trusting and obeying we stray from Him in order to get what we desire. This is most common in relationships. A lonely Christian will venture out, get involved in an unhealthy relationship and convince themselves that it must be the Lord. Circumstances, emotions and coincidence are inaccurate tests to determine God's best for our lives. Looking into the Word and living in obedience is a much safer approach to walking in the will of God.

Be careful not to go your own way and blame the results on God.

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