

## How Serious Are You about that which God Cares about

*Have you wondered why God said, I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau*

Gen 25:29 And Jacob sold pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint:

Gen 25:30 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 (*the Hebrew word "red"*).

Gen 25:31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

Gen 25:32 And Esau said, Behold, I *am* at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

Gen 25:33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

Gen 25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised *his* birthright.

*As we study Genesis 25:29 through 25:34 above, it is obvious that Esau cared little about the things of God, which included his inheritance and birthright. This is how God chose to pass his covenant with Abraham to the next generation. But Genesis 25:34 says that Esau despised his birthright.*

*Most Bible scholars are very critical of Jacob for the way he supposedly stole the birthright from Esau, which is not quite true. Because in the previous verses Esau sold his birthright to Jacob; was Esau really about to die. Why would he give up his birthright so easily, which God respected because of Abraham?? Whether Esau was serious or not about selling his birthright, it shows lack of respect for the pearls of God (and God took notice).*

*But Jacob proved that he put considerable more importance to pearls of God than Esau, and was willing to risk himself, even though he was deceptive in his methods to gain them. Thus, I would consider Esau to have been just lukewarm for the things of God, but Jacob was red hot determined for them. I do not know for a fact, but could this be why God forgave Jacob for his deception, and loved him, but hated Esau???? The heart toward God makes the greatest impact, which God notices. Consider David!!!*

Mal 1:1 The burden (*command?*) of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

Mal 1:2 I have loved you (*children of Israel/ Jacob*), saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? *Was* not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

Mal 1:3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains (*ruling authority*) and his heritage (*which he despised*) waste (*abandoned*) for the dragons of the wilderness (*desolation/ a dead end*).

*The Apostle Paul characterizes the true inheritor of promises from God:*

Rom 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

Rom 9:2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

Rom 9:3 For I could wish that myself were accursed (*made to suffer*) from Christ for my brethren (*the Jews of Israel*), my kinsmen according to the flesh (*because they trample under foot the promise of the Messiah from God the Father*):

Rom 9:4 Who (*for they*) are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service *of God*, and the promises;

Rom 9:5 Whose *are* the fathers (*or which promises came to the fathers*), and of whom (*the fathers*) as concerning (*or according to*) the flesh Christ *came*, who is over all (*or everything*), God blessed for ever. Amen.

Rom 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel (*or born so according to flesh*):

Rom 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called (*or being seed according to the flesh do not make them true Israelites*).

Rom 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise (*according to faith*) are counted for the seed (*or those that are red hot (believed) for the promise (pearls of God) are Israelites. For without faith it is impossible to please God*).

Rom 9:9 For this (*trusting, believing, faith*) *is* the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son (*in other words Abraham and Sara focused, believed, had faith in, and expected what God promised/ said*).

Rom 9:10 And not only (*Sara*); but when Rebecca also had conceived by one (*the promise*), *even* by our father Isaac;

Rom 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election (*calling*) might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth, *which is God*;) )

Rom 9:12 It was said unto her (*Rebecca*), The elder shall serve the younger.

Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

Rom 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth (*or decide to*), nor of him that runneth (*or go to the task*), but of God that sheweth mercy.

***But then God uses whomsoever He will:***

Rom 9:17 For the scripture (*God*) saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in (*and over*) thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Rom 9:18 Therefore hath he (*God*) mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth.

Rom 9:19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he (*God*) yet find fault? For who hath (*successfully*) resisted his will?

Rom 9:20 Nay but, O man (*or O man that is not the real question*), (*but*) who art thou that repliest (*complain*) against God? Shall the thing formed (*made, created*) say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?

Rom 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump (*batch of clay*) to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Rom 9:22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the (*disobedient*) vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Rom 9:23 And (*so*) that he might make known the riches of his glory on the (*obedient*) vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Rom 9:24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Rom 9:25 As he saith also in Osee (*book of Hosea*), I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

Rom 9:26 And it shall come to pass, *that* in the place (*country, nation, city*) where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

Rom 9:27 Esaias (*Isaiah*) also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, (*only*) a remnant shall be saved:

Rom 9:28 For he (*God*) will finish the work, and cut *it* short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

Rom 9:29 And as Esaias (*Isaiah*) said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.

Rom 9:30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

Rom 9:31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

Rom 9:32 Wherefore? Because (*or is it because?*) *they sought it (righteousness)* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law.(?) For they stumbled at that stumblingstone (*righteous Jesus, which must be sought/ received by faith, and not according to works of the law*);

Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone (*Jesus*) and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth (*have faith*) on him shall not be ashamed.