

WEEK 6 SCRIPTURE READING

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*This cycle is focussed on loving your neighbour ...
how creation reflects that same message.*

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History → Genesis 25:19-28:9

As we start this new cycle of Biblical studies, we are challenged to think about the purpose for which we (as individual and community) have been created, and then to evaluate whether we are fully aligned with the goal.

This portion in **Genesis** provides us with a clue about the **magnitude of our potential legacy** AND we should be thinking about **how we go about living that dream**.

WE ARE MADE IN HIS IMAGE

i) A walk of loving our neighbour as we love ourselves

YHWH creates us an act of *giving*.

We initially receive, BUT the potential placed inside of us is to reflect HIS Character ... this therefore implies that we will in turn also be *givers*.

ii) The role-modelling of GODLY Authority

In the pursuit of taking *dominion* over the earth, the animal's, the birds and the fish.

This may seem like a physical action only.

- ◆ However, YHWH 'MADE' the Garden of Eden for a reason.
- ◆ He wants us **to re-create that same domain where His Will reigns supreme**.
- ◆ One attribute of our “made in the Image” clearly is this role of **living the responsibility of stewardship**.
- ◆ In fact, these two actions reflect the Character of YHWH ... we are to be in balance loving YHWH and looking after my neighbour / His creation.



We need to deal with the Old-Man / Ego

Week 6

The portion this week records the following ...

- ◆ The battle of the twins ... Jacob and Esau from the moment of conception in Rivkah's womb.
- ◆ We also read of the 'sale' of the birthright when Esau, hungry from the hunt, begs to get his fill of the stew that Jacob has made.
- ◆ A famine occurs in the land - Isaac moves down towards the Philistines. There we see the repeat of the mistake that Abraham had made ... where Isaac fails to honour his wife, as his wife, and pretends that she is only a sister. YHWH intervenes and Rivkah is released. Again, following the same pattern as his father, there arises a dispute about water rights.
- ◆ Isaac's men dig two wells over which there are no quarrels - Rechovot, wide open spaces and one at Beer-Sheba - ending with Isaac moving back to the same spot that his father had chosen. Isaac and Abimelech seal a covenant.
- ◆ Isaac seeks to bless the eldest son - Esau.
- ◆ Rivkah and Jacob work together in a drama to pretend to be Esau, by being covered by the skin of an animal. As soon as this blessing has been spoken over Jacob, Esau returns home and thus begins the enmity that lasts until today.



In **Genesis 27:28-29** Isaac blesses both men – if you look carefully, the blessing spoken over Esau is the **exact opposite** of Jacob's ... Esau has the riches of the earth and the dew of heaven. It's clear ... he has to make a choice to indicate that he desires the blessings of heaven.

Esau's choice is soon evident - he chooses against a spiritual inheritance, and as soon as he can, he marries one of the daughters of Ismael, (in addition to the Canaanite woman whom he had already married). ... there is no turning back to YHWH's paths.

Jacob is sent away to Laban and instructed to find a wife from their own people.

My reflections on the Character of YHWH as it is revealed through ...

a) My role to love my neighbour

One of the most critical roles defined in the Bible is that of a **parent**. Parents have this calling to **multiply**, to become more.

However, included in that physical role is a more important spiritual role. Namely, to reveal YHWH's Character to the child in such a manner that the child:

- will grow up, understanding their potential,
- having a clear vision of the purpose,
- and even more important, being empowered to achieve that goal.

In order to achieve this, we must **set the bar of equality firmly in place**. It is easy for a parent to choose one as a favorite above another. The one who is more talented, gifted, funny, etc, will stand out.

The parent should understand that the one who needs more support to develop, should receive that which they need and never feel less important to the family.

Isaac makes a clear choice to favour Esau - simply because he can hunt the game that will make the favourite meal.

Genesis 27.3-4 *"Therefore, please take your hunting gear - your quiver of arrows and your bow; go out in the country, and get me some game. Make it tasty, the way I like it; and bring it to me to eat. Then I will bless you [as firstborn], before I die."*

To love my neighbour means that I will treat everyone equally ... I will endeavour to find everyone's niche in life.

Servant-leaders will take this same calling into the business / ministry world and make sure that followers are not sheep wandering aimlessly around, but people committed to their calling.

Fathers bless children when they empower them to be successful, and more critically to live a significant life. This means that I ...

- identify their gifts / talents,
- develop that potential,
- and then release them to succeed on their own by prophetically declaring their worth.

Any action by a father that causes a child to feel inferior / or which causes emotional hurts, destroys the potential to see the birth of a legacy.

b) My role of stewardship over creation

We understand that we have been given dominion of creation. This word implies good stewardship ... the need to look after / and learn from YHWH's creation.

Esau is a hunter

One of the best meats to put on the table, that would satisfy a man like Isaac, would be the Gazelle. A small deer / buck it is constantly hunted by man and by other predators. It has no means of defense - no claws, or sharp teeth.

Instead it relies on two things:

- i) A good eye / watchfulness. The ability not to be caught unawares,
- ii) AND speed.

In full flight there are not many that can keep pace with this animal.

Song of Songs 8.14 "Be like a **gazelle** or young stag on the mountains of spices!"

Man's mandate to take dominion over creation, speaks to two aspects:

- i) To **care for**, look after, protect this animal in the physical domain.
- ii) We are expected to **identify those attributes** which we should develop and emulate in the spiritual domain.

Hosea 5.15 "I will go and return to My place, till they admit their guilt and search for Me, **seeking Me eagerly** in their distress."

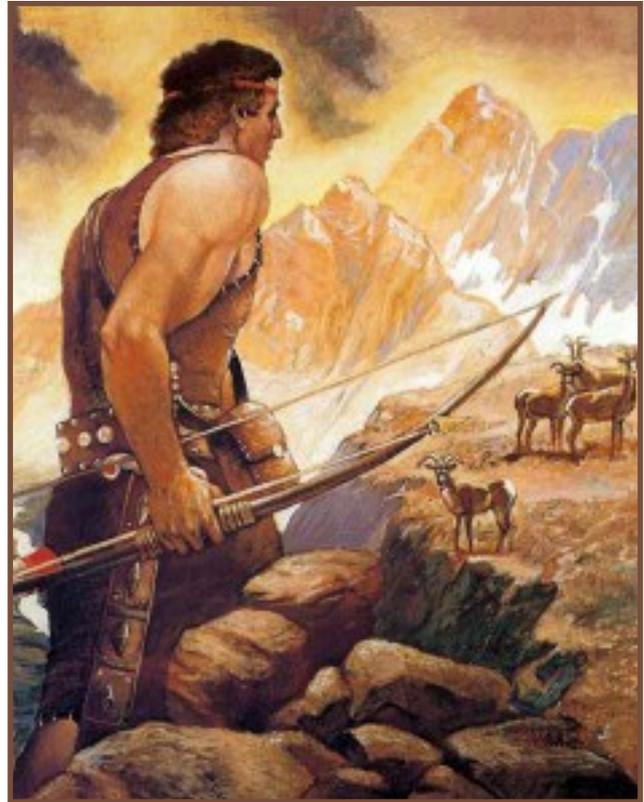
We should have a good eye / and a readiness to respond quickly.

Watchfulness, means that we guard the Garden.

- ◆ It implies that we are spiritually aware of everything that is going around us.
- ◆ It implies that we study the WORD and listen to the Holy Spirit so that we can see with YHWH's vision ... His view of things.

We often let the "things" of the world like performance, rewards, recognition and so on take up all of our focus.

In fact its true, **unless** you give all of yourself to a specific goal, you will not succeed.



For example, those, who from a very young age, pick up the tennis racket or the golf club will be the only ones who get to the pinnacle of success. It is impossible to have this focus and provide the required level of “watchfulness” of the family that is needed. All too often children that come from those homes where parents are highly successful, are found to be poor in character,

Psalm 32.8 “*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.*”

In addition, it means that we are careful not to judge others, unless we have made sure that we do not have bigger issues or failures in our own lives.

It's quite easy to see the mistakes that others make. However, we don't always understand the circumstances of the life ... what sort of home did they grow up in ... what sort of support were they given to be empowered to make good choices.

Negative words break down any person - young or old. Consider the choice of your words carefully so that constructive direction is given, rather than - “I told you so”.

Luke 6.41-42 “*So why do you see the splinter in your brother's eye, but not notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the splinter from your eye,' when you yourself don't see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye; then you will see clearly, so that you can remove the splinter from your brother's eye!*”

And finally, it means that we **accept that Israel has been chosen by YHWH** for a reason!

We may not have a full understanding why - BUT we must proclaim YHWH's decision ... to see this Land and the people as the Apple of His Eye.

How many times do we see the world (both the West and the Arab countries), try to imply that the pogroms and the holocaust did not happen ... we see Christian leaders proclaim that the Jewish nation will have no part in the Body of Messiah and will face the full wrath of the end times.

YHWH declared that Israel belongs to Him.

Anyone who wishes to take that Land and apply their humanistic plans to it is doomed.

But YHWH is looking for those who will run like the gazelle declaring His purposes at all times.

Psalm 17.8-9 “*Protect me like the pupil of Your Eye, hide me in the shadow of Your wings from the wicked, who are assailing me, from my deadly enemies, who are all around me.*”

QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK ...

1. As a father, have you taken time to investigate the attributes and abilities that YHWH has placed in your family members?
2. Have you taken time to develop these fully?
3. Have you released your family members to function fully as a priest in the Living Stone Tabernacle?

A FINAL THOUGHT

- ❖ We have already spoken about the need for believers to be watchmen.
- ❖ This also speaks to the **eminent return of Y'shua, our Messiah**. There are many who occupy themselves with this task, but seldom keep a watchful eye on Jerusalem.
- ❖ Every prophecy spoken over this city and this Land will come to pass ... therefore watch that space more than any other, carefully.

Isaiah 52.8 *"Listen! Your watchmen are raising their voices, shouting for joy together. For they will see, before their own eyes, **ADONAI returning to Tziyon.**"*

Isaiah 52:9-10 *"Break out into joy! Sing together, you ruins of Yerushalayim! For ADONAI has comforted His people, He has redeemed Yerushalayim! ADONAI has bared His Holy Arm in the sight of every nation, and all the **ends of the earth will see the Salvation of our GOD.**"*



BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-27

“Y’varekh’kha YHVH v’yishmerekha.
May YHVH bless you and keep you.

Ya’er YHVH panav eleikha vichunekka.
May YHVH make His Face shine on you and show you His favour.

Yissa YHVH panav eleikha v’yasem l’kha shalom.
May YHVH lift up His Face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:27 *“In this way they are to put My Name on the people of Isra’el, so that I will Bless them.”*

