

AdSS12- Jacob's deception

(1) Background:

- God has pre-ordained Jacob to be a leader of the Israelites. (Rom 9:13).
- Isaac loved Esau. Rebekah loved Jacob. (Gen 25:28)

(2) Spiritual Lesson:

- Favouritism: unfair preferential treatment
- Favouritism in the family is to be avoided.
- Favouritism is a sin. (James 2:9)



Source: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1432705>

Rebekah overheard
Isaac

Rebekah told Jacob
to deceive Isaac

(3) Isaac instructed Esau: Gen 27:1 – 5

(4) Rebekah loved Jacob and devised a plan to deceive Isaac into blessing Jacob instead of Esau.

(5) This is a sin of favouritism and deception.



Rebekah's plan was
carried out by
Jacob

(6) The 2 colluded on a plan of deception:
Gen 27:6- 18

(7) Video: 09:44-13:09

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(Source: The Bible Stories, Abraham, By Lube Production)

(8) Spiritual Lesson:

(a) In what ways do we practice favouritism in:

(i) our family: “prince or princess”

(ii) among friends

(iii) among colleagues:
“blue-eye boy”

(iv) in school: “Teacher’s
pet”



Source: <https://www.herworld.com/women/career/how-handle-favouritism-work-big-girl/>

(b) How do we act without favouritism?

- (i) Performance based on merit and fairness
- (ii) Even when we praise a person based on merit, there should be words of encouragement for those who did not perform as well.



Source: <https://fospath.com/how-to-praise-someone-for-their-work-100-ways-to-say-thank-you/>

Jacob pretended to
be Esau before
Isaac



Being deceived,
Isaac blessed Jacob



(9) Isaac was deceived by Jacob: Gen 27:
18-27

(10) Isaac's blessing: Gen 27:28-29

Esau realised that
his blessing had
been taken
dishonestly by
Jacob

(11) Gen 27:30 – 40

Esau hated Jacob
and wanted to kill
him

(12) Gen 27:41



Rebekah told Jacob
to flee

(13) Gen 27:42-45

(14) Video: 13:09-19:13

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(15) Spiritual Lesson:

(a) We learn in the narrative: favouritism > deception and lies > hatred > violence > fleeing.

(b) Deception and hatred:

- Lying is ok? Big lies and small lies? Means vs end
- Ponzi scheme

