

January 24th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: I trust in your steadfast love

People: My heart shall rejoice in your salvation

Pastor: I will sing to the Lord

People: Because he has dealt bountifully with me

Opening Hymn #34 *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Children’s Sermon Becky Gillaugh

Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34 OT page 21

Sermon: Esau Sells His Birthright

Time of Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn #98 *“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”*

Offering Reminder (*online giving is available at www.cedarvilleunited.org*)

Benediction

Choral Benediction #840 v.1 *“God Be with You”*

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- What is the significance of a birthright?
- Why did Jacob want it so badly?
- Why was Esau so willing to give it up so easily?

BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE

- Babies struggled in the womb – “to crush or oppress”
- God had already chosen Jacob, the second-born, and he had no reason to deceive anyone. But, as we read, he still did.

SIGNIFICANCE OF A BIRTHRIGHT

- To possess a birthright was the greatest blessing anyone could receive.
- It is not limited, in God’s eyes, to the first-born child.
- The birthright of the oldest male child in the ancient Near East gave him the headship of the clan and a double inheritance.

WHY DID JACOB WANT IT SO BADLY?

- Birth order was especially important.
- We see that God favored the younger child – but not by deceit or to produce jealousy...it was to show that worldly ways are not God’s ways.
- God does not suggest that one child is better than another because of birth order – it has to do with faith.

WHY WAS EASU SO WILLING TO GIVE IT UP?

- Esau was a worldly man.
- Looked at instant gratification instead.
- To despise a birthright in this case means not to treat it as important.

Consider calling someone in the congregation or making a small group on Zoom to discuss further. This is one way we can stay more connected as a congregation right now.

Questions To Discuss
What are the “toys of the world” for you?
What are you sowing spiritually this year?

Opening Hymn #34 *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe,
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array;
as warriors through the darkness toil till dawns the golden day.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Closing Hymn #98 *“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”*

Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty;
Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Benediction #840 v.1 *“God Be with You”*

God be with you till we meet again,
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.