

MONDAY

1. God blessed Isaac, Abraham's son, who sowed in Gerar and reaped a hundredfold. Similarly, when we receive God's blessing, we also prosper, with the goal of doing the Lord's will (Genesis 26:12; Matthew 13:23).

2. The power of the Spirit to accomplish God's work, is in His Word, not as mere theoretical or doctrinal knowledge, but as the living word of God, through which He communicates His will to us each day (John 6:63; Matthew 4:4).

3. The church prospers and multiplies greatly when it receives the Word with faith and perseveres in fellowship, just like what happened with the early church in its first years. In this way, the Spirit had freedom to perform wonders, miracles, and signs through the apostles (Acts 2:42-47).

4. "You are too special to waste your life on so many empty things. Let us leave this life of vanity and serve the Lord. Human life exists to serve the Lord and do God's will. Hallelujah!" (Psalm 139:14) (Daily Food, book 5, week 4, Monday, p. 58).

TUESDAY

1. We cannot grow old spiritually. We need to renew ourselves each day, maintaining discernment and sensitivity in fellowship with the Lord, in order to reach spiritual maturity (Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:22-24).

2. The Bible records that Isaac, Abraham's son, grew old both physically and spiritually. He could no longer see and lacked the discernment and sensitivity to perceive the Lord's will at that crucial moment in his life (Genesis 27:1).

3. The recorded history of Isaac is relatively brief, unlike that of Abraham, his father, to whom the God of glory appeared several times. The Lord manifested Himself repeatedly to Abraham, to the point that he built a profound history with God. Similarly, we need to have daily experiences of seeing and believing in God's speaking through His living and present word (James 2:23).

4. "Man is important to God because without him there is no way for God to fulfill His will on Earth, which is to have all things headed up by Christ (Eph 1:9-10)" (Daily Food, book 5, week 4, Tuesday, p. 59).

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WEDNESDAY

1. Even as our days go by, we cannot grow old spiritually, for God desires to speak to us. The Lord still wants to guide His church, and we cannot remain attached to past experiences, whether individual or collective. Therefore, we need to remain sensitive, closely following the word, to be connected to the Spirit and discern what God wants us to accomplish today (Hosea 6:3a).

2. Past experiences were important for spiritual growth and maturity; however, they cannot replace new experiences with the Lord and in His work. Let us not cling to the old ways. God desires to advance the work rapidly; therefore, He has used the TCS (Troops, Captains and Senior Stewards). Everyone—teenagers, captains, David's mighty men, and the senior stewards—can preach the gospel more quickly (Romans 7:6; Philippians 3:13).

3. If we grow old spiritually to the point of living only in the past, we will not be able to keep up with what God is doing today; moreover, we will hinder the advancement of the Spirit. Therefore, we need to constantly renew ourselves to love the Lord in a simple and sincere way, and, like children, have simplicity in order to enter the kingdom of heaven (Isaiah 43:18; Matthew 18:3).

4. "Who ruled over man in the Garden of Eden? God appeared in the cool of the day to have fellowship with man, so we believe that he was governed by the word that came from the mouth of God (Genesis 3:8)" (Daily Food, book 5, week 4, Wednesday, p. 62).

THURSDAY

1. Isaac and Rebekah had two sons: Esau and Jacob. Esau was a skilled hunter, but Jacob was a quiet man who lived in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed the game he prepared for him; however, Rebekah loved Jacob because God had revealed to her that Jacob had been chosen to fulfill His will. Therefore, we cannot replace the fulfillment of God's will with personal affections or petty earthly pursuits (Genesis 25:27-28).

2. Isaac's preference for Esau revealed his lack of spiritual discernment, for Rebekah had certainly told him that God had chosen Jacob, not Esau. Even so, Isaac did not seem to care about the Lord's choice. We cannot lose discernment regarding God's will; rather, we must always maintain spiritual sensitivity (Genesis 25:28).

3. Rebekah's ingenious plan to secure the blessing for her younger son, coupled with Isaac's lack of maturity and discernment, ultimately favored Jacob. However, everything was under the Lord's sovereign arrangement, for Jacob had been chosen by God (Hebrews 11:20; Romans 9:13).

4. "Jesus also did not limit Himself to a single city nor did He preach inside a school or a temple, but He traveled through cities and villages preaching the kingdom (Matthew 9:35-36)" (Daily Food, book 5, week 4, Thursday, p. 65).

FRIDAY

1. God chose us even before we were born. He already knew if we would have a pure heart to love and serve Him. God's election depends entirely on Him; however, the Lord already had foreknowledge of those who would follow Him even before their conception (Romans 8:29; 1 Peter 1:2).

2. Esau despised his birthright. He did not value God's promise to Abraham, nor the blessing the Lord had bestowed upon him. The promise of inheriting the land and descendants was not in Esau's heart. In light of this, where is our heart today? (Genesis 25:34).

3. Are our hearts set on our goals, desires for possessions, and earthly purposes, or are we like Abraham and Jacob? Even though we have many flaws, we need to yearn for and value what God desires, doing His will above all things. The Lord, who foreknew us, also chose us for this (Romans 8:29-30).

4. "The universe is not without government. God is seated on the throne and wants to govern the universe and, above all, exercise His government over the Earth" (Genesis 9:16; Revelation 11:15-17) (Daily Food, book 5, week 4, Friday, p. 68)

SATURDAY

1. Why did God love Jacob and hate Esau? At first glance, this may seem unfair. However, it does not depend on human will or effort, but on God showing mercy (Romans 9:16).

2. No one can resist God's will, for it is the strongest purpose in the universe. Everything that happens to us is subject to it. Therefore, if our life is to serve God and do His will, let us be certain that we will be blessed throughout our lives (Philippians 2:13; Romans 12:2; Genesis 26:24, 28a, 29c).

3. We Gentiles had no connection with the promises made to Abraham, for we were not God's people. However, through Christ, Abraham's descendant, we have been included by faith. Now we are God's people and have taken possession of the promises made to Abraham to inherit the land (1 Peter 2:10).

4. "We must deal seriously with any sign of dissatisfaction and rebellion in our hearts, any seeking of recognition in the church. This is a danger! Ambition for position and primacy in the church will lead you to expose the nakedness of authority in order to promote yourself above it" (Numbers 12:1-15) (Daily Bread, book 5, week 4, Saturday, p. 70).

SUNDAY

1. Dew is God's blessing, the blessing that falls from heaven to Earth. Even if it doesn't rain in the desert, there is always dew. Esau pleaded for this blessing, but received only a curse, for God's will was not the objective of his heart. When we despise the birthright, what we do becomes a curse (Psalm 133:3; Genesis 27:37, 39-40).

2. Let us not despise the birthright. Let us love what God loves and value what He values. If we do not value the birthright, even if we weep afterward, we will not receive the divine blessing. However, if we do value it, we will inherit the earth in the millennial kingdom as overcomers (Revelation 20:6).

3. We have the opportunity to reign with Christ for a thousand years and be priests of God and of Christ. Let us choose to fight and suffer for God's will. To this end, let us always remain new, keep the freshness of the Spirit alive, maintain spiritual discernment, and be sensitive to the things of God. Surely, the Lord will bless us (Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:22-24).

4. "Today we are the stronghold of Zion! Like David, we had to fight bravely against the Jebusites and Canaanites so that today, the Lord could have His army of teens, captains, senior stewards and, in these latter times, the leadership of David's mighty men. From Zion we will fight for the kingdom, so that Christ may rule the Earth, beginning with us" (1 Sam 15:1-12; 22:1-2; 24:1-6; 26:1-10; 2 Sam 5:9) (Daily Food, book 5, week 4, Sunday, p. 72).

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Message 36

JACOB OBTAINS HIS FATHER'S BLESSING.

Genesis 27:1-46



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