

Notes: Shabbat – November 26, 2011

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and greet
2. Introduction
3. Announcements
4. Liturgy – Ma to vu, Sh'ma, Avenu
5. Music
6. Message
7. Time of prayer
8. Aaronic Blessing
9. Kiddush
10. Oneg

Don't Lose Sight of What is Important...

Introduction:

Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of stew.

Torah Blessing

Gen 25:21 Yitz'chak prayed to Adonai on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. Adonai heeded his prayer, and Rivkah became pregnant.

Gen 25:22 The children fought with each other inside her so much that she said, "If it's going to be like this, why go on living?" So she went to inquire of Adonai,

Gen 25:23 who answered her, "There are two nations in your womb. From birth they will be two rival peoples. One of these peoples will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

Gen 25:27 The boys grew; and `Esav became a skillful hunter, an outdoorsman; while Ya`akov was a quiet man who stayed in the tents.

Gen 25:28 Yitz'chak favored `Esav, because he had a taste for game; Rivkah favored Ya`akov.

Gen 25:29 One day when Ya`akov had cooked some stew, `Esav came in from the open country, exhausted,

Gen 25:30 and said to Ya`akov, "Please! Let me gulp down some of that red stuff — that red stuff! I'm exhausted!" (This is why he was called Edom [*red*].)

Gen 25:31 Ya`akov answered, "First sell me your rights as the firstborn."

Gen 25:32 "Look, I'm about to die!" said `Esav. "What use to me are my rights as the firstborn?"

Gen 25:33 Ya`akov said, "First, swear to me!" So he swore to him, thus selling his birthright to Ya`akov.

Gen 25:34 Then Ya`akov gave him bread and lentil stew; he ate and drank, got up and went on his way. Thus `Esav showed how little he valued his birthright.

Torah Blessing

The birthright is the covenant that Adonai made with Avraham...passed on to Yitz'chak. Yitz'chak in turn would pass it on to His first born son that included:

- Land
- A lineage that would become a great nation
- Through this nation, all other nations would be blessed.

At this point in time, of the promises that were made, what have become reality?

What do we know about Esau?

- He was a skillful hunter and outdoorsman
- As such, his focus was in the freedom of the hunt and its trappings, the food that came with it.
- Was his belly his god? Desiring to satisfy his appetite.
- It is believed that he despised his birthright and its responsibilities
- Given its present value, saw that there was no value in his birthright?

Ya'akov came out of the womb holding on to Esau's heel. Desirous of being the firstborn.

What do we know about Ya'akov?

- A quiet man who stayed in his tent
- What could he have been doing?
- Study, thought, meditation leading to the knowledge of Adonai
- Desirous to carry on the heritage of his fathers
- Looking forward to the promise
- Was this the only time that Ya'akov tried to obtain the birthright?

How close were mother and son?

Rivkeh favored Ya'akov over Esau. How much insight did she instill in Ya'akov about...

- the prophecy from Adonai – the older would serve the younger
- the importance of the birthright

We are recipients of this blessing through Messiah.

Unlike Esau who either didn't understand, didn't realize or didn't care what this birthright truly meant, we need to realize how important it is.

Our actions and lifestyle will speak volumes of our belief.

Joh 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice, I recognize them, they follow me,

Joh 10:28 and I give them eternal life. They will absolutely never be destroyed, and no one will snatch them from my hands.

Joh 10:29 My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all; and no one can snatch them from the Father's hands.

Know what is important.

Know that no one can take away from you or cause you to lose what Adonai has revealed to you.

No one comes to the knowledge of Adonai and Messiah, except by Adonai revealing that truth directly...

Mat 16:15 "But you," he said to them, "who do you say I am?"

Mat 16:16 Shim`on Kefa answered, "You are the Mashiach, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17 "Shim`on Bar-Yochanan," Yeshua said to him, "how blessed you are! For no human being revealed this to you, no, it was my Father in heaven.

Once we have this revelation, what do we do with it?

We have the choice to embrace, accept and follow...or

As Esau gave away his birthright, we too have the choice to walk away from the redemption that has come through Messiah.

However, you can choose just as Esau chose to sell his birthright and future promise – giving it away by walking away.

Just as the writer of Hebrews was conveying to their audience the power impact and truth of Messiah's sacrifice in relation to the sacrificial system of that time.

Heb 6:1 Therefore, leaving behind the initial lessons about the Messiah, let us go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of turning from works that lead to death, trusting God,

Heb 6:2 and instruction about washings, s'mikhah, the resurrection of the dead and eternal punishment.

Heb 6:3 And, God willing, this is what we will do.

Heb 6:4 For when people have once been enlightened, tasted the heavenly gift, become sharers in the Ruach HaKodesh,

Heb 6:5 and tasted the goodness of God's Word and the powers of the `olam haba –

Heb 6:6 and then have fallen away – it is impossible to renew them so that they turn from their sin, as long as for themselves they keep executing the Son of God on the stake all over again and keep holding him up to public contempt.

We can also relate that once someone has come to believe in Yeshua and follow Him, that for someone to turn away, it is near impossible for them to return, because Adonai has given and revealed to them everything He has to offer.

Once you have received everything that Adonai has, where can you go from there?

From my perspective, I am hard pressed to understand how one can walk away when Adonai Himself has revealed His truth to you.

Even in the most challenging of circumstances that I have been confronted with...

Esau attempted to get his birthright back which was his father's blessing, once he realized what he had lost, but it was too late

You don't want to be in this position.