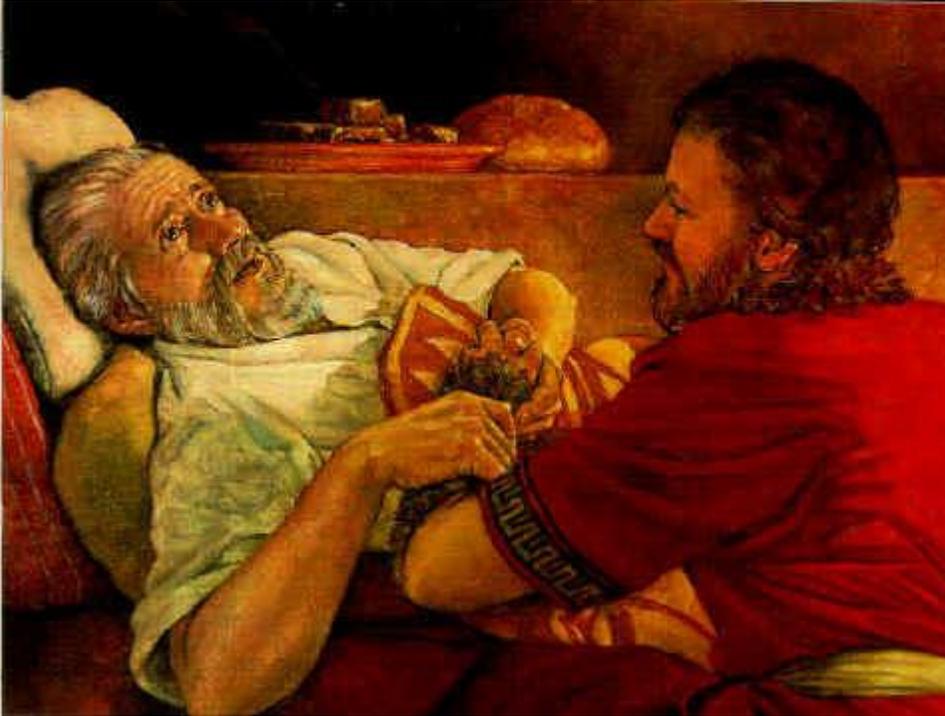


“I AM ESAU”

Jacob stood before Isaac and claimed to be the firstborn Esau so he would receive the father's blessing. Was Isaac fooled? Did Isaac know all along he was blessing Jacob?



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Eleven reasons Isaac must have known it was Jacob: (Genesis 27)

- (1) Like any father he recognized the voice of his son Jacob (verse 22);
- (2) Jacob gave glory to God. Not a thing Esau would do (verse 20);
- (3) Jacob brought bread. Esau was a hunter not a baker (verse 17);
- (4) Jacob brought wine. Esau was not a vintner either (verse 25);
- (5) Jacob brought a prepared feast in almost no time. Isaac wondered aloud how 'Esau' could do this so quickly (verse 20);
- (6) Tender meat of goat kids does not taste like wild game (verse 9);
- (7) Isaac was not about to die. He lived 120 years after Jacob was born, approximately 100 years after this event (Genesis 25:26 35:28);
- (8) Rebekah set up Jacob to do this. How likely is it she concocted this plan herself given the detailed instructions? (verse 6);
- (9) Isaac of all people on earth would know Rebekah's cooking. Could Esau's cooking possibly taste the same? Likely Esau just roasted game over a fire (verse 9);
- (10) Handy that Rebekah just happened to have some of Esau's clothes in her tent ready for the 'deception'. Plausible except Esau did not dwell in tents (Gen. 25:27) therefore wouldn't keep his clothes there (v. 15);

¹ Source of art: <http://www.gci.org/bible/torah/genesis3>

(11) Jacob dwelt in tents and Esau was a hunter. Wouldn't the hands of Esau be thick and the fingers of Jacob fine? (verse 22);

Jesus hung on the cross. He was dressed in the filthy rags of our sin. It is as if he said "I am Esau", the one God hates. Was the Father in Heaven fooled? Did he not know this is "My son, with whom I am well pleased!" He did know. Just like Isaac knew it was Jacob standing there.



2

With each successive lie to his father's face, the burden of guilt and the shamefulfulness of his actions must have filled the righteous soul of Jacob with pain. Jesus never lied or sinned. Yet, as the guilt of our sin was put upon him the Father turned his face away from Jesus. How the blessed Savior must have felt the shame!!!!

Thank you Jesus for dying for me!!!!

I am Esau but you got the curse and I got the blessing!!!!

² Source: <http://midlandjack.blogspot.ca/2011/04/it-should-have-been-me.html>