

ONE STORY | ONE SAVIOR - UNIT 1 | LESSON 06c

The Pentateuch – The Promise Given Through the Royal Gift Covenant

God is a PROMISE Making God




God 1) **CREATES** a place where 2) He will **MEET** with his People 3) for their **JOY**. 4) His People reject Him. 5) God binds Himself through **PROMISE (i.e. The Royal Gift Covenant)** to 6) **RESCUE** His people from their sin and 7) **RESTORE** them to Himself for their **JOY**.

“Jacob and Esau”

God’s Patience Foreshadowed in a Struggle: The Tale of Two Brothers

Genesis 25-29

Genesis 25:23 “And the LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, **the older shall serve the younger.**”

	<p>THE HEAD - To Know how the Bible records the Words and Works of Jesus as the final and fullest revelation from God.</p> <p>Q – After looking at this lesson, “Has anything changed concerning your thinking?” What do you now know that you might not have known?</p>
	<p>THE HEART - To Choose the Bible as our final and fullest authority / record that is to be loved and followed.</p> <p>Q – After looking at this lesson, “How does it make you feel?” What emotional response does this truth solicit / produce in you?</p> <p>For example: “²²love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control [Gal. 5:22, 23 NLT].</p>
	<p>THE HAND - To Pray we will obey all that God has said.</p> <p>Q – After looking at this lesson, “What might you begin to do differently?” Is there something because of what you know that you might need to start doing or perhaps even stop doing?</p>

EMPHASIS

The Promise made to Adam and his offspring would be centralized through Abraham and his offspring, the Jews.

God is always faithful to fulfill His promise. He does not need help from humanity. The fulfillment of promise is always *despite* humanity’s activity and not *because* of humanity’s activity.

What God began in Genesis 3:15 and 3:21, He continues to move forward in the Seed of Abram despite the unbelief of the line. Notice how throughout Genesis we can trace the SEED PROMISE and the BLOOD PICTURE.

BIBLICAL CONTEXT

The promise which is given to Jacob is essentially the same one which was given to Abraham and to Isaac.

Abraham	Isaac	Jacob
"I am God Almighty" (Gen 17:1).	"I am the God of your father Abraham" (Gen 26:24).	"I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac" (Gen 28:13).
"For all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever" (Gene 13:15).	"For to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands" (Gen 26:3).	"The land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants" (Gen 28:13).
"And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth" (Gen 13:16).	"And I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven" (Gen 26:4).	"Your descendants shall also be like the dust of the earth" (Gen 28:14).
"And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Gen 12:3).	"And by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed" (Gen 26:4).	"And in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen 28:14).
"Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you" (Gen 15:1).	"Do not fear, for I am with you" (Gen 26:24).	"And behold, I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go" Gen 28:15).

STRUCTURE

God told Isaac that Jacob would be the line. Despite all this Jacob was still a deceitful, scheming, and a backstabbing sibling.

- I. The Struggle before they were Born (25:22)
- II. The Selling of the Birthright (25:31)
- III. The Stealing of the Blessing (27:35)
- IV. The Line Continues through Jacob (chap 29)
 - A. The Deceit of Laban (Gen. 29:25)

- B. The Desiring of Rachel (Gen. 29:11, 17, 30)
- C. The Despising of Leah (Gen. 29:21-25, 30)
- D. The Destiny of Judah (Gen. 29:35; 49:8-10)

JESUS IN THE TEXT

Despite Jacob's deception and scheming, God continues to preserve His Seed through Jacob. The surprising thing is that God chooses to use flawed and broken people. God is bigger than our failures.

APPLICATION

God is always taking the initiative to do for you what you cannot do for yourself. You can't, but God can, and Jesus did. God's promises are no excuse for our disobedience.

God fulfilling His promise exists in the context of a family and the surrounding community. Your salvation from sin and death and for joy and glory is as an individual *for* family/community. You were designed *for* church.

The Local Church family helps protect us from our own sinful behavior.

VISUALS

MEMORY VERSE

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RESOURCES