

Woman of Courage
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“Our Inheritance”
Part One

Matthew 6:26 – KJV – For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his won soul? Or what shall give in exchange for his soul.

NIV – What good will it be for someone to gain the whole work, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul.

Also, in Mark 8:36-37

Soul – Hebrew – neh-fesh – a breathing creature (alive) (wind)

Soul – Greek – psou-khay – Breath or to breath

Genesis 25: 29-34 – Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He sat to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!” Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright.” “Look, I am about to die,” Esau said, “What good is the birthright to me?” But Jacob said, “swear to me first.” So, he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So, Esau despised his birthright.

Despised – feel contempt or a deep repugnance for or have a low opinion of

Contempt – the feeling that a person or a thing is beneath consideration, worthless or deserving scorn. Disregard for something that should be taken into account.

This showed Esau’s character and his lack of respect and honor for his father’s household.

In the Hebrew households, the oldest son held a great position. He was to have a double portion of everything his father possessed and he also became the Chief and Prince over the household.

In Deuteronomy 21:17 – it says that the firstborn is the beginning of the Father's strength and has the rights of all the father will give him.

Strength – H202 – Hebrew – in the sense of effort, but successful, ability, power, (figuratively) wealth – force, goods, might, strength, substance.

Right – H4941 – Hebrew – properly a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or divine law).

Right – H8199 – Hebrew – to judge, that is, pronounce sentence, by implication to vindicate or punish, by extension to govern.

The first born carries the name of the Father in all his strength, power & might. Given the right to and the ability to keep the household of his father.

Adam was given the ability, the power and the Name to carry out what his Father had given him. To tend to the household and cause it to live and sustain him and his wife. Given the authority to speak on behalf of the Jehovah in the earth. But when he started to listen to another narrative, he gave the word of Jehovah no regard and showed contempt and disdain for the birthright given to him. He sold it for a mess of stew called death.

Notice: the firstborn has no right to take it. It must be given. It is not his until the father bestows it on him. The right hand of blessing.

When you read the account of Esau, you find that Isaac blessed Jacob believing it was Esau, and when Esau came into be blessed by his father, he had realized that his father already gave the blessing. Esau beg his father to bless him. With tears he sought it and Isaac knew that could not happen knowing he had blessed Jacob.

In Exodus 4:22 Jehovah called Israel his firstborn. They were given and Inheritance. Abraham was given and Inheritance. The Israelite nation was to be the light in the earth so that all who came to it would be shown the way to Jehovah. Israel time and time again ran to other Gods and turned from the Lord. Many prophets and teachers were sent to them, and they killed and stoned the

ones Jehovah had sent to them. The kings caused the people to sin against the Lord. Time and time again Jehovah tried to get their attention and they would not come. Some chose to stay in the land of their bondage when they were freed. Never coming to the knowledge of the truth of what Jehovah wanted them to become. Being given the right of the firstborn. An inheritance of abundance and life and like Adam, showed the father's love and his word disdain and found it contemptible.

Willful disobedience and contemptible disregard for the Word of Jehovah and his household causes you and I to lose our birthright. The very thing lost in the garden and down through time.