



Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I overheard your father speaking to your brother Esau, saying,

'Bring me some game and prepare a dish for me to eat, that I may bless you, with \_\_\_\_\_'s approval, before I die.'

Now, my son, listen carefully as I instruct you.

Go to the flock and fetch me two choice kids, and I will make of them a dish for your father, such as he likes.

Then take it to your father to eat, in order that he may bless you before he dies."

Jacob answered his mother Rebekah, "But my brother Esau is a hairy man and I am smooth-skinned.

Then she put in the hands of her son Jacob the dish and the bread that she had prepared.

He went to his father and said, "Father." And he said, "Yes, which of my sons are you?"

Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau, your first-born; I have done as you told me. Pray sit up and eat of my game, that you may give me your innermost blessing."

Isaac said to his son, "How did you succeed so quickly, my son?" And he said, "Because your God granted me good fortune."

Isaac said to Jacob, "Come close to me, my son, and kiss me." And Jacob kissed Isaac's face and neck.

Jacob said to Isaac, "Please, my father, let me eat of my game, that you may give me your innermost blessing."

3. What light does the following source shed on the connection between morality and faith?

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But the children struggled in her womb, and she said, "If so, why do I exist?"\* She went to inquire of \_\_\_\_\_,

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and \_\_\_\_\_ answered her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
Two separate peoples shall issue from your body;  
One people shall be mightier than the other,  
And the older shall serve the younger."

Rashi's commentary on these pesukim tries to help us understand how faith was the reason the immoral act was committed.

AND TWO RACES — The word \_\_\_\_\_ always denotes a people that has all the characteristics of a kingdom (Avodah Zarah 2b)

SHALL BE PARTED FROM THY BOWELS —as soon as they leave thy body they will take each a different course — one to his wicked ways, the other to his plain life (Genesis 5:27)

SHALL BE STRONGER THAN THE OTHER RACE —They will never be equally great at the same time: when one rises the other will fall.

4. What does the added information help you understand?
5. What do you still wonder?

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Then they took Joseph's tunic, slaughtered a kid, and dipped the tunic in the blood.

They had the ornamented tunic taken to their father, and they said, "We found this. Please examine it; is it your son's tunic or not?"

He recognized it, and said, "My son's tunic! A savage beast devoured him! Joseph was torn by a beast!"

8. How is this lie an example of measure for measure?
9. The bible is not a history book. Why do we need to learn about the way Jacob, our nation's father, got his blessing?
10. Do you believe that the goal sanctifies the means?
11. What do you think Rabbi Sacks would say about it, based on the sources you read so far?

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