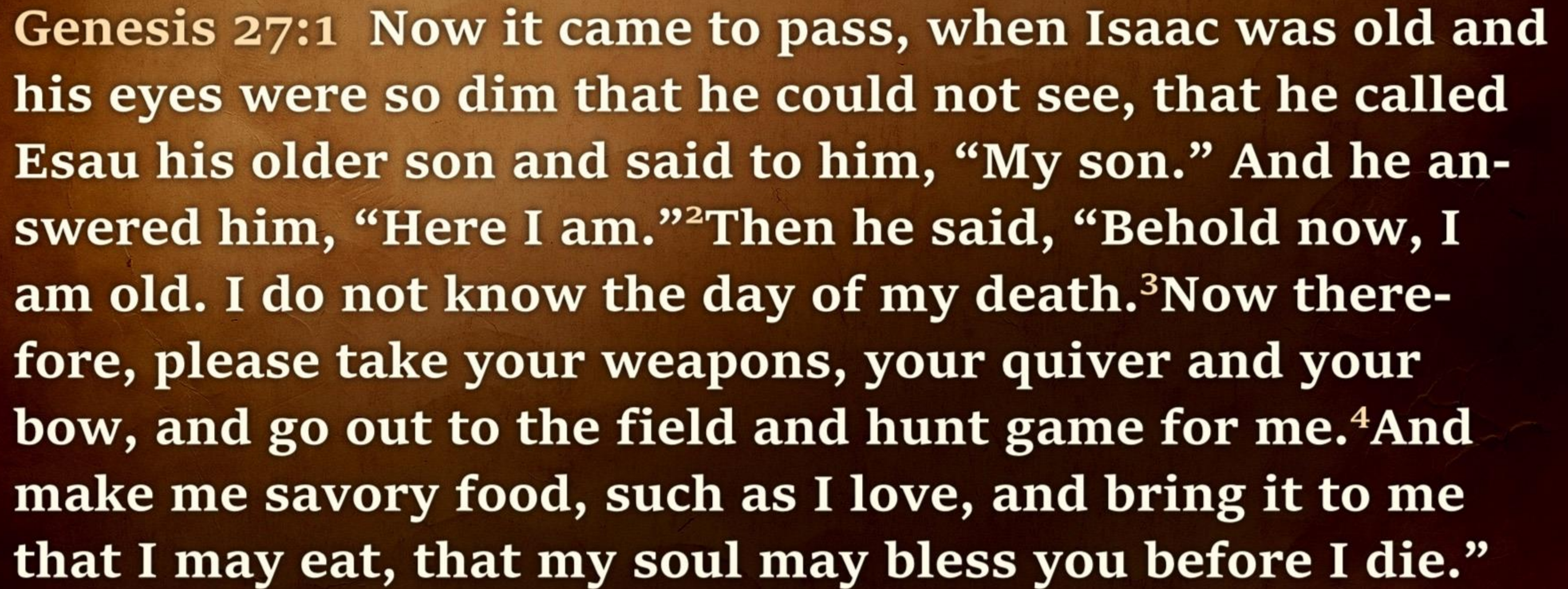
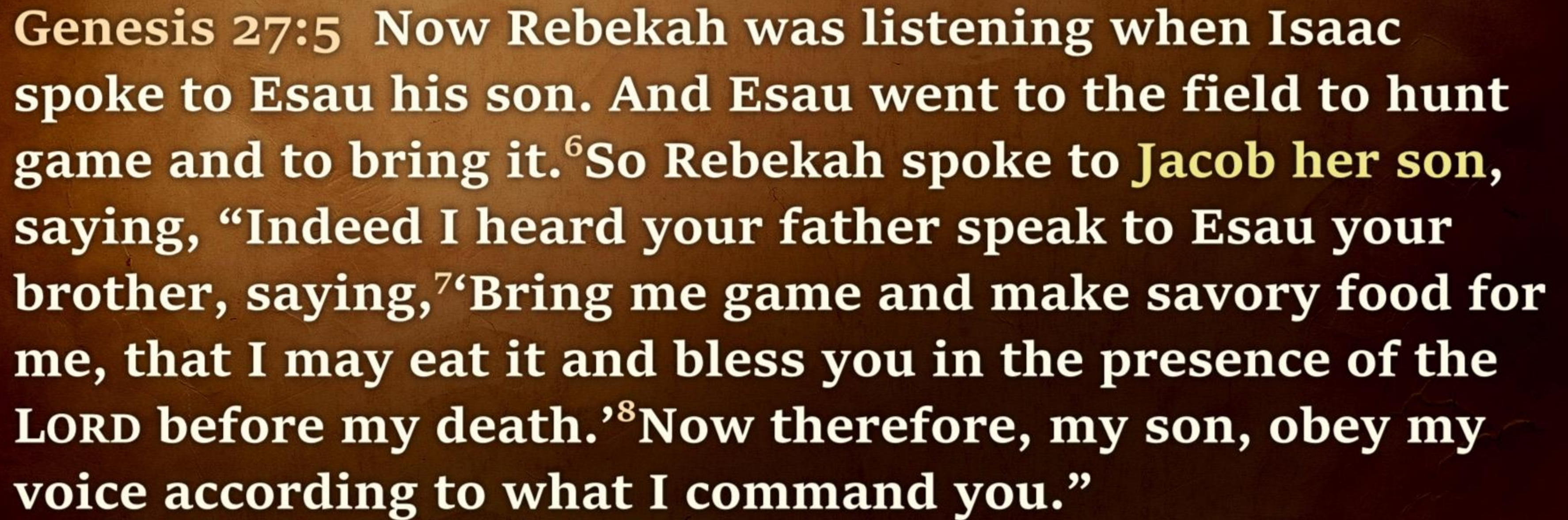


A sepia-toned landscape photograph. The foreground is a dark, silhouetted field. In the middle ground, a line of trees forms a horizon. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds against a warm, golden-brown background. The overall mood is serene and historical.

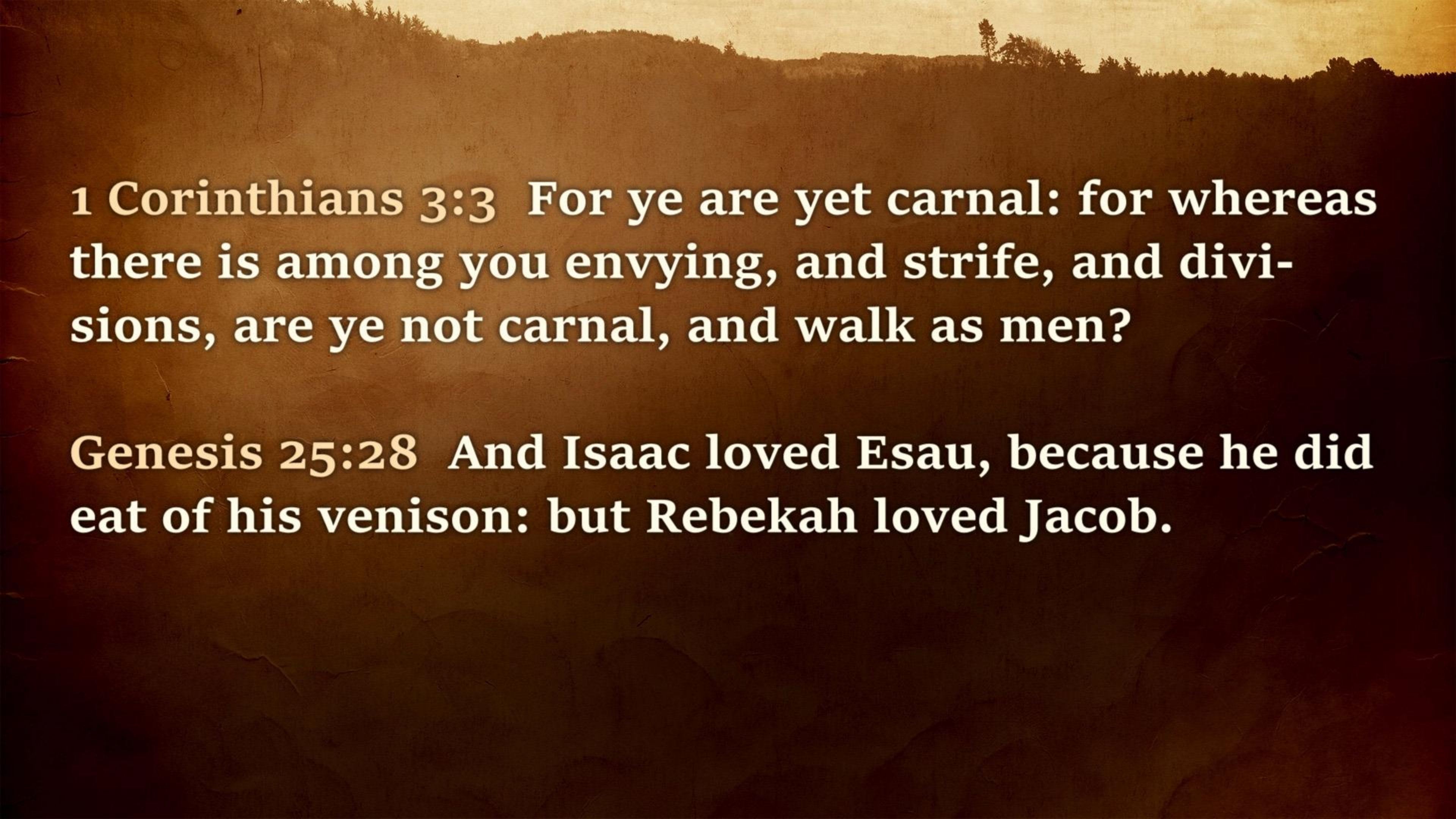
ISAAC
THE CHILD OF
PROMISE



Genesis 27:1 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.” And he answered him, “Here I am.”² Then he said, “Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death.³ Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me.⁴ And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”

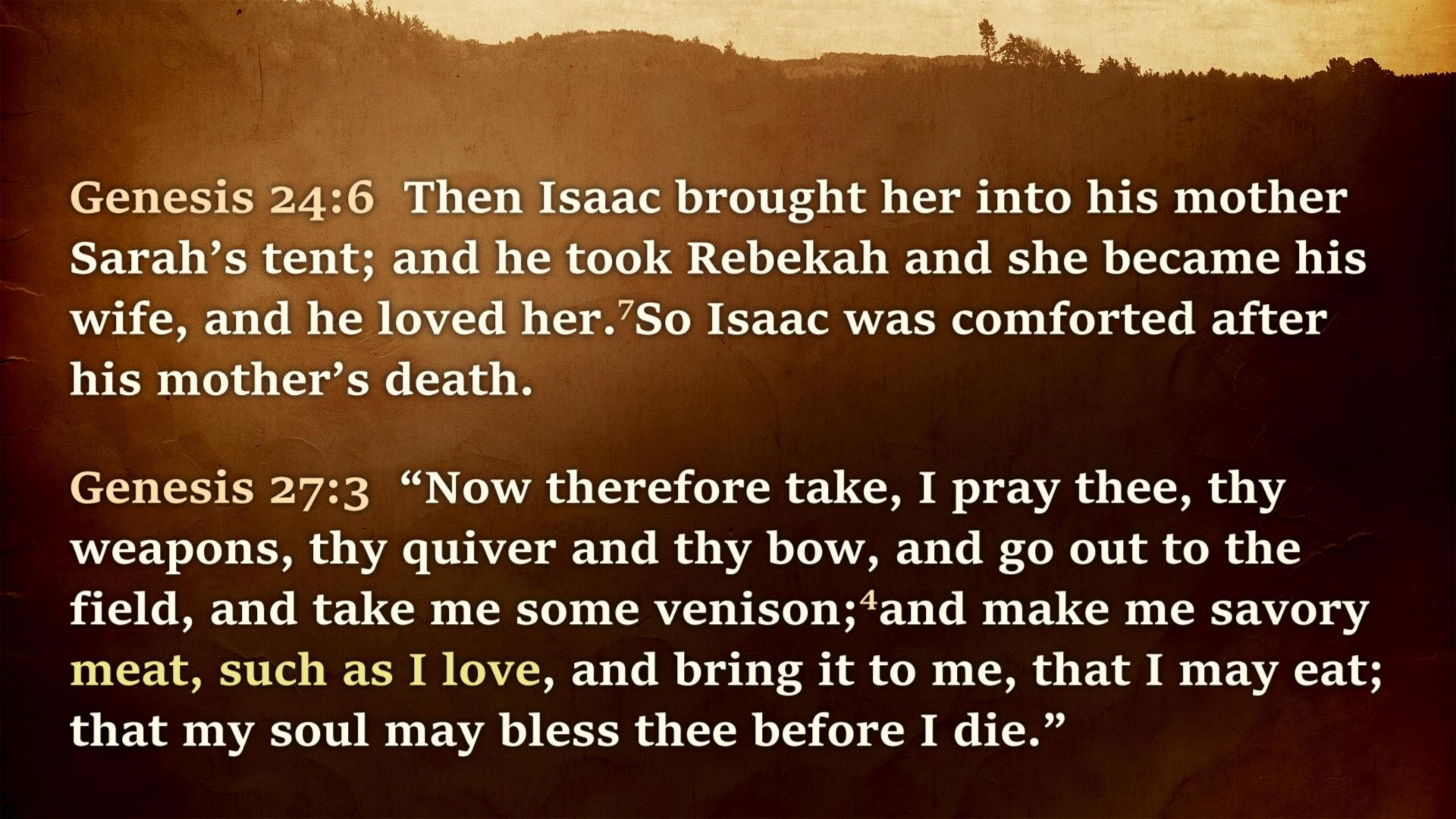


Genesis 27:5 Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt game and to bring it.⁶ So Rebekah spoke to **Jacob her son**, saying, “Indeed I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying,⁷ ‘Bring me game and make savory food for me, that I may eat it and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.’⁸ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to what I command you.”



1 Corinthians 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Genesis 25:28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.



Genesis 24:6 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her.⁷ So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Genesis 27:3 “Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison;⁴ and make me savory meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.”

THE DILEMMA

Genesis 27:1 Now it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were so dim that he could not see, that he called Esau **his older son** and said to him, “My son.”² And he answered him, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Behold now, I am old. I do not know the day of my death.”

THE DUPLICITY

Genesis 27:9 “Go now to the flock and bring me from there two choice kids of the goats, and I will make savory food from them for your father, such as he loves.¹⁰ Then you shall take it to your father, that he may eat it, and that he may bless you before his death.”

THE DUPLICITY

Genesis 27:15 Then Rebekah took the choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.¹⁶ And she put the skins of the kids of the goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.¹⁷ Then she gave the savory food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

THE DUPLICITY

Genesis 27:18 So he went to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who are you, my son?”¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn; I have done just as you told me; please arise, sit and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me.”

THE DUPLICITY

Genesis 27:27 And he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him and said: “Surely, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed.²⁸ Therefore may God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine. Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you.²⁹ Be master over your brethren, and let your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be those who bless you!”

THE DISCIPLINE

Genesis 27:32 And his father Isaac said to him, “Who are you?” So he said, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.”³³ Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, “Who? Where is the one who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it before you came, and I have blessed him—and indeed he shall be blessed.”

THE DISCIPLINE

Hebrews 12:16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, **he was rejected**, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

THE DISCIPLINE

Genesis 28:1 Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, and said to him: “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.² Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father; and take yourself a wife from there of the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother.³ May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may be an assembly of peoples;

THE DISCIPLINE

Genesis 28:4 and give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and your descendants with you, that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham.”⁵ So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.