

APPETITE AND GREED—WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

November 3, 1918

Genesis 25 : 27-34. *Scripture Memory Verse, Matt. 7 : 12.

Golden Text—Every man that striveth in the games is temperate in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown ; but we an incorruptible.—1 Corinthians 9 : 25 (Rev. Ver.).



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27 And the boys grew : and E'sau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field ; and Ja'cob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And I'saac loved E'sau, because he did eat of *his* venison : but Rebek'ah loved Ja'cob.

29 And Ja'cob sod pottage : and E'sau came from the field, and he was faint :

30 And E'sau said to Ja'cob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red *pottage* ; for I am faint : therefore was his name called E'dom.

31 And Ja'cob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And E'sau said, Behold, I am at the point to die : and what profit shall this birthright do to me ?

33 And Ja'cob said, Swear to me this day ; and he sware unto him : and he sold his birthright unto Ja'cob.

34 Then Ja'cob gave E'sau bread and pottage of lentiles ; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way : thus E'sau despised *his* birthright.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Would you like to hear about the two baby boys whom God sent to Isaac and his beautiful wife Rebekah ? Their names were Esau and Jacob. Esau was the oldest, and in those days, when the father died, the eldest son became the head of the family and received a special blessing. This was called his "birthright."

While the boys were little fellows they did not know anything about this "birthright," but when they got bigger they knew that some day Esau would be head of the family, and Jacob did not like this at all, for he wanted to be head of the family.

As the boys grew up, they were quite different from each other. Esau liked to go out with his bow and arrow and shoot birds

and animals, and often he shot the pretty deer that roamed about in the woods. He used to bring home the deer he killed. Jacob liked to stay around the tents helping his mother. He learned to make a very good food out of lentils, which are a kind of small bean. He helped his mother in many ways and she loved him most, but the father, Isaac, loved Esau, the brave hunter, best. Isaac liked to eat the nice meat that Esau brought back to the tents when he went out hunting.

One day Jacob had made some very good, steaming hot food, and just then Esau came home from hunting. He was very tired and hungry and the food did smell so good ! Esau was a greedy young man and very fond of eating and drinking.

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