

blues. This was possibly the weakest moment in Esau's life, and he forever lost his opportunity by yielding to this temptation. Temptations blind men's eyes, guilt opens them. What the fish wants is the bait. When he gets it that is the very thing he doesn't want. What Judas wanted was money; when he got it that was the thing above all else he did not want. So with Esau; he saw his mistake when it was too late. But did Jacob do right? By no means; what he did was mean in the extreme, and I am not going to try to justify him. Still, I see faith in it.

Some time after this Isaac called his favorite son, Esau, and sent him to the field in search of venison. Now, Isaac was like Esau—he liked a good dinner—a kind of a weak, negative character, who never did much of note except dig wells and move on and leave them when others wanted to quarrel with him over them. Some people never get angry because there is not enough in them to get angry. We cannot compare Isaac with his father, Abraham, or with his son, Jacob, or his still greater grandson, Joseph. And while Esau is away Jacob's mother told Jacob to go in and lie to his old, blind father and steal Esau's blessing. Poor old Isaac is fooled by his crafty son! He tried to be cautious, but Jacob was too many for him. "The voice sounds like Jacob's voice," he said; but Jacob went near and he felt him, and Isaac allowed himself to be influenced by the lower sense of touch rather than by the higher sense