**SERMON NOTES**

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus: The Superiority of Christ In All Things**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Hebrews**

**“Yes, and He Shall Be Blessed: Sin and Sovereignty in the Family of Isaac”**

**Hebrews 11: 20**

**If \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Word says it, it is so: If God’s word says that it was “by faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau”, then it was by faith that Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.**

**The story of the blessing of Jacob and Esau by Isaac tells us a story of deception and sin but ultimately God’s sovereignty and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**In the moments leading up to - and this specific moment at the beginning of Genesis 27 - Isaac has not only began to lose his physical eyesight but his spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**God willed that in His good wisdom – before the twins were born – that it would not be through Esau that the line of promise would continue - one day bringing the Messiah - but rather it would be through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 25: 22-23).**

**God doesn’t need help to keep His word and He certainly doesn’t need help that defames His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as Rebekah and Jacob did.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of patriarchs expressed a foretelling of what would be in the lives of their children and the continuation of God’s promise that had been made to them. The blessing was unique to the time and commonly included encouragement or words about the future or a faith in what God would do in their life.**

**There was a level of surety and certainty – by faith - in God to keep His promises in what was spoken and passed down from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to their sons and grandsons.**

**There was a certainty – based on God – that the one who received the blessing would indeed be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, because it was God who had given it to their fathers and who alone would bring it to pass in their children.**

**It was – despite all the sinfulness and ugliness of the scene - an act of faith that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ blessed his sons.**

**What Isaac said to Jacob was said by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that God alone could and would continue the promise of Abraham in his life.**

**Here is the faith in all this messiness – an old man – Isaac finally shaken to his sense to see that - God’s purposes always stand – by faith.**

**Jacob is not deserving of this blessing and yet he receives it because the promise is not dependent on his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**In Jesus we see our older brother who took the curse for us and gave us His blessing – not through trickery or deceit – but willingly on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**It is not our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that brings the promises of God – we don’t have any. It’s only God’s grace by faith and trust in the promises of God that makes us righteous.**

Blanks: God’s; faith; eyes; Jacob; character; blessing; patriarchs; blessed; Isaac; faith; worthiness; cross; Jesus; righteousness;

Congregational Reading – Genesis 25: 19 -28

These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived.The children struggled together within her, and she said, “If it is thus, why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger.” When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.