

The heir and the spare

(Genesis 25:19-34, 26:39-28:9)

**1 Pregnant with the Firstborn c.f. Genesis 49:3;
Exodus 22:28-29; Genesis 43:33; Deuteronomy 21:17**

2 Abraham, Isaac and the twins Genesis 25:19-21

a Abraham 12:1-3

b Isaac 25:19

c Isaac & Rebekah 25:20-21, 26; 24:60

d twins 25:22-26

3 God's choice: 'The older will serve the younger' 25:23-27

4 They have real decisions to make

a Esau – despised his birthright 25:29-34, 26:34-35

b Isaac – ignored God's word 27:1-4

c Rebekah – manipulative matriarch 27:5-10

d Jacob – the blessed deceiver 27:11-29

5 Wrap 27:32-28:9

6 Lessons for us

a From Jacob Malachi 1:2-5, Romans 9:10-21

b From Esau Hebrews 12:14-17