

## **Be Prepared to Meet Jacob**

Esau was returning from his rightful occupation that fateful day that he met Jacob. Things however, had not fared well for Esau and the hunt had yielded not for his efforts. It was in this state of temporary failure and disappointment that he met Jacob. This Jacob who had grabbed his heel at birth, trying to get the better of him. (There has been a spirit reaching for you since the day you were born into the church trying to get the best of you.) Jacob was waiting, seeming to be in the right place at the right time, perhaps all orchestrated for this exact purpose. All could have fared differently that certain day if Esau had decided to prepare for his journey. Had Esau taken enough time to prepare for the eventualities of failure, he would have passed by Jacob with a mere greeting and no more. However, because of his lack of foresight he was hungry and in need. And because of this, he was put in a position to have to weigh out the value of his birthright.

We must prepare in our lives to meet Jacob, for he will surely show himself. We ought to lay up spiritual strength and vitality against that time. We should take great care to establish convictions in us that waver not. For there will come a day when the failures of life, the disappointing moments of the journey will come. Will you sell your birthright? The day the promotion is within your reach and you're hungry for it, but it requires you to move away from your home church where God sent you. Or it requires you to tell a lie or involve yourself in shady dealings. Or have you packed a spiritual meal for that day that will give you strength enough to pass on without a second thought? What about when you haven't found a mate and you feel like you are growing older and it begins to look hopeless? There will come a Jacob in the form of a worldly co-worker, an individual from a church that you know doesn't believe it like you do. Will you sell your birthright? When the pastor deals with your teenager, Jacob is going to have his meal boiling by the wayside. He is going to say come on, take some pottage of rebellion and give me your birthright of blessing. Have you prepared for Jacob?