

THE JACOB GENERATION

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**“Such is the generation of those who seek him, who
Seek the face of the God of Jacob.” ■ Psalm 24:6**

A few weeks ago I wrote an article about the Joshua Generation and this week I was impressed to write about the Jacob Generation. The Joshua Generation are the men and women of war who understand spiritual warfare, the military structure of God’s army, leadership, heroism, loyalty, etc. And they've been obedient to the Lord by crossing the Jordan to dispossess the enemy of their Promised Land.

The Jacob Generation is pictured in a number of Scriptures, most notably in the Psalms. Although Jacob was one of the patriarchs of Israel, like Father Abraham is the father of the Church through the spiritual principle of faith so, too, is there a spiritual heritage passed down to us today through the loins of Jacob.

Now, because so many in ministry have written negatively about Jacob because of what they perceive to be a character flaw in the way he deceived his father and took Esau's blessing I must address this issue. We wrote about it in *The Gifts and Operations of the Holy Spirit* because it is a warning to us today not to "despise" our birthright but in case you've not read the book I want to briefly touch on this because it's an essential part of understanding the Jacob Generation.

Most Christians have been erroneously taught a lot of stuff. I've mentioned in several of my books the revelation message the Lord gave me in 2004 titled, *The Power of Relationship* that addresses one of these errors—that we are all the same in the eyes of God and what He'll do for me He'll do for you. And I've illustrated this in churches around the world since 2004 with the same results. People believe this because "God is no respecter of persons." This Scripture in Acts 10:34 is always quoted back to me so it's a fairly universal error. But you see that verse is talking about salvation and the fact that God is no respecter of persons in those He *receives*. As Paul later wrote, whether we are Jews or Greeks God will receive into His family all who come through the Blood of Jesus but that doesn't mean that He has the same relationship with each of us. And I think the Scriptures are clear that He does not have the same relationship with His children any more than you do with each of the children in your family. This principle is clearly illustrated in the life of Jacob and Esau.

Most of us understand correctly the flesh vs. spirit principle taught in the life of Abraham through the respective births of both Ishmael and Isaac. Unfortunately, many people in ministry don't understand a key element of this revelation, i.e., that the timing of God is important. Often a church invites us to come minister and because we take each assignment seriously and only go if the Spirit of the Lord sends us then we don't accept an invitation ever whether our calendar is empty or full but pray through on it and get the Mind of the Spirit. Most of the time when He wants us to go He will tell us when; however, often that time frame is in contradiction of when they want us to come. How do you handle this? God's timing is important; remember my vision of the Chessboard the Lord gave me in South Africa in 1997. The Holy Spirit and Satan were playing a chess game over the world high up in the heavens. I've been playing chess since I was 4 years old and it's a game of pure strategy. Often you have to make a move to counter your opponent's moves; in chess that's called a *prophylactic* move. The Holy Spirit has "moved" His pieces into position for example for you or your

church to have a certain result but if you don't discern this timing of the Lord the end result will not be the same. Yes, timing is very important. First you have to get the Mind of the Lord about what He wants you to do and *then* you must equally continue to pray and get led on the *timing* of the Lord.

But unlike Ishmael, Esau was a true son of the covenant of Promise. Remember, he and Jacob were twins though, unlike most twins, their appearance was not the same so we would say they were fraternal twins. If Isaac had *The Eye of the Eagle* he would have made a note of this realizing the spiritual application—these boys would not be identical spiritually either. And in fact God spoke this exact thing to Rachel (Gen. 25:22-23) *because* she enquired of Him. Had she not asked the Lord He probably would not have told her. And the Bible does not say if she ever told her husband this revelation because it's interesting that Jacob actually favored Esau—"And Isaac loved Esau" (25:28).

Now back to what many perceive as Jacob's character flaw of being a deceiver and liar when he "stole" Esau's birthright. The fact is Jacob did not steal Esau's birthright. The Bible is quite clear (Gen. 25) that Esau sold it to his brother for a mere pittance.

So although Esau was the favored son of Isaac he made a covenant or agreement and sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of stew; therefore, when it came time for Isaac to die and pass most of his estate on to Esau it was the Lord's intention to intervene because Esau had already "sold" his birthright to Jacob and God honors covenant. Because the birthright and blessing of the father upon the first born were related (cf. Gen. 27:37) the Lord saw to it that Jacob inherited the blessing as well. Remember, the Scriptures say of the Lord, "Esau have I hated" (Mal. 1:3) and "there shall be no survivor of the house of Esau" (Ob. 1:18). These should be terrifying words of warning to us if we can understand and see them with *The Eye of the Eagle*.

Now this is important for us to understand so that we never disdain our spiritual birthright. The Book of Hebrews speaks of this as being the road to apostasy and a person being rejected by the Lord. Many if not most Christians in

ministry today, whether it's preaching, teaching or music ministry, have "sold" their birthright and this is the reason they are no longer anointed—they are still covenant people but they are not in the Jacob Generation. They may continue on in ministry in the flesh because most Christians cannot discern the anointing but the anointing is gone so their effectiveness for the Kingdom of God is marginal. It's important that you protect the anointing upon your life and that you value the anointing by the Spirit as an important aspect of your birthright in Christ Jesus.

Those of the true Jacob Generation would never think of selling their birthright or losing their blessing because they understand the tremendous value of it—that is why the Bible says that they are "the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God." The Jacob Generation understands what the Holy Spirit told me in 1998—"The highest form of prosperity is to be in the presence of God."

Psalm 24 describes the Jacob Generation as being those who:

1. Are able to "stand in the holy place," i.e., they have direct access to the Throne Room of God and go there more than Christians who aren't of the Jacob Generation. In a sense, all Christians have access to the Holy of Holies by the Blood of Jesus but those of the Jacob Generation have been to Heaven and stood in the Throne Room of God.

2. They have "clean hands and a pure heart." Therefore, because of the purity of their lives (holiness) they are able to enter the Holy of Holies and have access to a deeper relationship with the Lord (*cf.* Ps. 91) and His revelation. I've written and said many times that it's been my experience—because I have a very keen gift of Discerning of Spirits—that most Christians do not have pure hearts. Often they have ulterior motives for what they do, even for the Kingdom. Christians of the Jacob Generation, however, have the Heart of God within them and know the importance of "clean hands and a pure heart." They are people of purity and would never think of lying or deception. Interesting isn't it that

Jacob's name means *deceiver* yet the Jacob Generation would never think of deceiving their brothers.

3. They understand the *heart* of the Father and the value of each human soul to the Lord so their priority is not human comfort but the will of the Father and their King Jesus. They have obeyed Galatians 2:20 and Mark 8:34.

4. Isn't it interesting that God changed Jacob's name to Israel because God did not perceive him to be a deceiver but rather "one who struggles with God." Now this is significant, I believe, not just because of what occurred at Bethel when Jacob wrestled with the Lord but in the area of struggling spiritually with the Lord, i.e., in prayer and spiritual worship. My wife is a perfect example of this and how I came to know many years ago that she is in the Jacob Generation. In her prayer life, the Father puts on her heart something that He desires and her task is to pray it into existence. This is a perfect example of the Jacob Generation "struggling" spiritually with or for God.

I'm confident that the main reason God saw to it that Jacob (Israel) received the birthright and blessing had to do with the fact that though Esau was born first Jacob was the *spiritual* seed of Isaac. Often in families the spiritual first born is born much later than the physical first born. As parents it's extremely important that we discern which of our children is the spiritual firstborn. And you can see the significance of this with Jacob in the next point,

5. The birthright during the days of the Patriarchs had three elements: (a) first and perhaps the most important, before the Aaronic priesthood was established, the head of the family was also the priest of the family. Esau, because he was carnal, was not fit to fulfill this role, (b) the principle of *election* that Paul referred to in Romans 9:9-15 as well as mercy came through the firstborn spiritually, e.g., Jesus, and (c) the family birthright carried with it the first covenant Promise God made in Genesis 3:15 regarding the destruction of Satan. That promise could only be carried out and fulfilled *spiritually* because Satan is a spirit being; thus, Esau would never have been able to fulfill this Promise.

I think you can readily see from these points why we need the Jacob Generation today and the continual mistakes that have been made by most in ministry because they have followed the ways of Esau (the flesh) instead of Jacob (the Spirit).

One of our callings at CCI is to raise up the Jacob Generation. The Lord told me in a powerful prophecy in October, 1989:

“Son, there’s going to be a mighty manifestation of my power.” And the Lord said, “It’s going to raise up a new breed! It’s going to raise up a new people! It’s going to raise up a Holy Nation! It’s going to raise up a new generation.”

God, we need the Jacob Generation to come forth in this hour to lead the Church into the Promised Land. Church, you need to be a part of the Jacob Generation and you need to follow the Jacob Generation and not those of Esau who claim to be spiritual leaders but are not but rather leading the Church back into the desert to die. Oh, you may be “prosperous” financially but make no mistake, they are leading you back into the spiritual desert where you will wander aimlessly till you die while your true spiritual birthright and blessing never comes to pass-- that is Satan's plan for your life and he'll use those in ministry if he can to stop you from fulfilling it.

A very interesting aspect of both the Joshua and Jacob Generations is this: both have crossed the Jordan. Now, you must understand that spiritually the Jordan always speaks about separation and death. Therefore, I believe it is this very fact which helps us understand *why* Jesus had to be baptized in the Jordan. We must die to the flesh in order to live unto the Spirit! Praise God, that is the Jacob Generation and you can only enter into it by seeking the Face of God and valuing your spiritual birthright and blessing. Maranatha!

