

Sunday, September 26, 2021  
“The Gospel in Lives of Jacob & Isaac”  
Summary of Who’s to Blame  
Genesis 27  
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Aging had also left him visually impaired and dependent upon his family – and demanding. But most notably Isaac, notwithstanding his authentic faith, had come to oppose the revealed will of God regarding Jacob and Esau. He was well aware of the battle that had taken place between the twins in Rebekah’s womb. He knew that God had said, “*The one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger*” (25:23). Rebekah would not let him forget it. And the fact that Jacob had manipulated Esau to sell his birthright to him was a longstanding source of irritation to Isaac, and a subject of contention with his strong-willed wife. He was also painfully aware that Esau had married two Canaanite women – and that they had made life bitter for both him and Rebekah (*cf.* 26:34). But against the weight of all of this, Isaac was determined that though Esau had lost his birthright, he would now give him the firstborn’s blessing. In this chapter we see that all are to blame. And even more, all lost.

