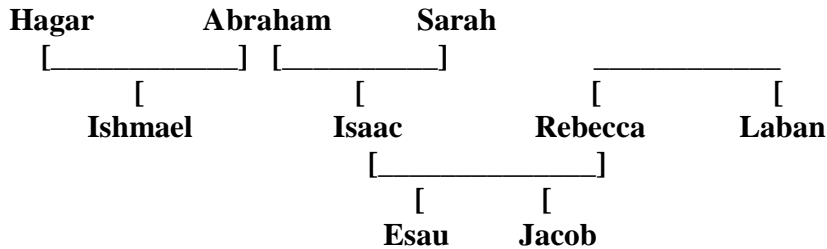


“Election Day: Jacob and Esau”

Genesis 25:19-26 (page 19 in the pew Bible)

Abraham’s Descendants (or “children”)



I. God’s determination of Election is independent of performance

Romans 9:10-13 (page 945)

“When Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

II. Election does not overturn God’s justice; it magnifies God’s mercy.

Romans 9:14-16

“What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.”

III. Election is *through* the Gospel and faith in Jesus – not apart from it!

Romans 10: 9; 13-15 “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?