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# DAILY READING

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### THE STOLEN BLESSING

**27** <sup>26</sup> Then his father Isaac said to him, “Please come closer and kiss me, my son.” <sup>27</sup> So he came closer and kissed him. When Isaac smelled his clothes, he blessed him and said:

Ah, the smell of my son  
is like the smell of a field  
that the Lord has blessed.

<sup>28</sup> May God give to you—  
from the dew of the sky  
and from the richness of the land—  
an abundance of grain and new wine.

<sup>29</sup> May peoples serve you  
and nations bow in worship to you.  
Be master over your relatives;  
may your mother’s sons bow in worship to you.  
Those who curse you will be cursed,  
and those who bless you will be blessed.

<sup>30</sup> As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob and Jacob had left the presence of his father Isaac, his brother Esau arrived from his hunting. <sup>31</sup> He had also made some delicious food and brought it to his father. He said to his father, “Let my father get up and eat some of his son’s game, so that you may bless me.”

<sup>32</sup> But his father Isaac said to him, “Who are you?”

He answered, “I am Esau your firstborn son.”

<sup>33</sup> Isaac began to tremble uncontrollably. “Who was it then,” he said, “who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it all before you came in, and I blessed him. Indeed, he will be blessed!”

<sup>34</sup> When Esau heard his father’s words, he cried out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me too, my father!”

<sup>35</sup> But he replied, “Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.”