

PARENTS AND CHILDREN RELATIONSHIP

Through Scriptures, we will try to understand why siblings (brothers and sisters) could possibly build hatred against each other.

THE LORD'S REPORT OF ABRAHAM

Genesis 18:17-19 (KJV)

¹⁷ *the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; ¹⁸ Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.*

The manifestation of our blessings also depends on our family relationship.

THE FIRST FAMILY ON EARTH

Genesis 4:1-2 (KJV)

¹ *And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. ² And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.*

Children are not the same and we should learn to respect their natural gifts.

ADAM AND EVE' FAMILY – EXAMPLE 1

How do you train your children – teach them to fear God and love each other

CAIN KILLED HIS BROTHER ABEL

Genesis 4:8-12 (KJV)

⁸ *And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.*

⁹ *And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? ¹⁰ And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. ¹¹ And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; ¹² When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.*

Cain was cursed because of his relationship with his brother. Life could be difficult at the result of our relationship with our siblings.

Parents' love toward their children could be source of problems

THE FAMILY OF ISAAC AND REBEKAH - EXAMPLE2

REBEKAH RECEIVED REVELATION OF THE LORD THAT ISAAC DID NOT KNOW

Genesis 25:21-24 (KJV)

²¹ And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²² And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD. ²³ And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger. ²⁴ And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

PARENTS DIVIDE THEIR CHILDREN AMONG THEMSELVES

The parents' preferences could be source of problems

Genesis 25:27-28 (KJV)

²⁷ And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸ And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

CHILDREN ARE DIVIDED

Genesis 25:31-34 (KJV)

³¹ And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. ³² And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? ³³ And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: **thus Esau despised his birthright.**

Rebekah sided with Jacob to deceive Isaac and Esau

Genesis 27:6-10 (KJV)

⁶ And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, ⁷ Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death. ⁸ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. ⁹ Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth: ¹⁰ And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.

ESAU SOUGHT FOR THE LOST BLESSINGS

Genesis 27:38-40 (KJV)

³⁸ And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. ³⁹ And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; ⁴⁰ And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

ESAU HATED JACOB AND THOUGHT TO KILL HIM

Genesis 27:41-44 (KJV)

⁴¹ *And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.* ⁴² *And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.* ⁴³ *Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran;* ⁴⁴ *And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;*

JACOB'S FAMILY – EXAMPLE 3

JACOB LOVES JOSEPH MORE THAN ALL HIS CHILDREN

Genesis 37:3-5 (KJV)

³ *Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.* ⁴ *And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.* ⁵ *And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.*

Genesis 37:11 (KJV)

¹¹ *And his brethren envied him;*

Genesis 37:17-20 (KJV)

¹⁷ *And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.* ¹⁸ *And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.* ¹⁹ *And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.* ²⁰ *Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.*

Genesis 37:23-24 (KJV)

²³ *And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;* ²⁴ *And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.*

Genesis 37:26-28 (KJV)

²⁶ *And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?* ²⁷ *Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.* ²⁸ *Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.*

Genesis 37:31-33 (KJV)

³¹ *And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;* ³² *And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.* ³³ *And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.*