

Despise Not Your Birthright

At age fifteen, Esau, the eldest son of Isaac, gave his birthright to his twin brother Jacob for a bowl of stew (Genesis 25:29-34, NKJV). This act showed Esau despised his birthright. Reuben, the eldest son of Jacob, went to bed with his father's wife, Bilhah (Genesis 35:22). This act showed Reuben despised his birthright. Long before Esau and Reuben despised their birthright, Adam did the same through his disobedience to God's instruction regarding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17).

Before creation, Jesus was the firstborn (1 Colossians 1:15-21). God set the precedent that the firstborn who opened the womb is to be consecrated to him, thus establishing birthright (Exodus 13:2). Jesus came as a man, correcting Adam's disobedience; therefore, he is the firstborn of all humanity (Romans 8:29). Through his resurrection, he is the firstborn of the dead, giving new life (Colossians 1:18). Jesus is the heir of all things and when he comes again as the firstborn, all the angels of God will worship him (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Beloved, when we accept Jesus as our Savior, we have a new birthright. We become a new creation with an abundant life (2 Corinthians 5:17, John 10:10). Those not accepting Jesus keep their birthright of pending death. They despise their available birthright, believing it is of little value. Accept Jesus now and live! Shalom!!

Love Life Ministry, Inc. Touching People with the Healing Power of God's Love[©]

Scripture quoted or referenced is from *The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, Copyright [©] 1979, 1980, 1982, 1997 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. Used by Permission. All rights reserved