

to be the leader. God had predicted it would be the other way, but Isaac said no, I want Esau. And the result was that we find Isaac trying to go on in his human desires and doing that which was contrary to that which God had predicted. (10 3/4)

from going on that way, not because somebody came to him and said see here, God has predicted this, you ~~have~~ like your father Abraham should follow God, but because his wife and his younger son deceived him, and Jacob came in with Isaac's clothes on and with fur stuck on the back of his wrists and came in there with food that his mother had prepared, to make it seem like the sort of thing that Esau would have got in hunting and he deceived Isaac. And Isaac was very, very distressed and he saw that his human schemes, his human flesh, had been destroyed by deception, and he had great reason to be distressed, that his wife would deceive him in this thing, and that his younger son would deceive him this way, but that does not seem to have been the cause for his distress. The cause for his distress was that his own will wasn't carried out, and that God's will was carried out in spite of it. However, he was not the sort of man to go all to pieces because of the fact that his plan did not work. He was greatly distressed and grieved but accepted it as you can't help it, it's done, and went on to do the best he could for Esau but to recognize that God's will was going to prevail in the end, in spite of him. How much better a character like Abraham who was anxious that God's will should prevail (12 1/4) through him ----- than the character of Isaac who recognized that God's will will prevail in spite of him. You might say, it's part of the same instance, when he sent Jacob away to the land of Mesopotamia to get a wife. He sent Jacob away there, in order that in the ~~high~~ life of Jacob the will of God could be worked out as it had in his own life, to get a wife ~~for~~ from his own kindred but even that was at Rebecca's suggestion. Rebecca came and said that Esau the older son who was Isaac's favorite had gone against the will of God, had married a woman from the