

Yes? (student) At the birth. That was given right at the birth of Isaac and Jacob, that revelation, that the younger son was to be the leader, the older would serve the younger. Dr. Allis, with whom I was formerly associated, made an ingenious attempt to explain it on the ground that the statement that the older shall serve the younger, could possibly be interpreted as the older, the younger should serve, and that Isaac was trying to convince himself that was the true interpretation of it. Well, now, it would be typical of the way in which people try to rationalize and twist the Word of God around to fit their own desires and their own purposes. Whether Isaac actually did such a thing we can't guess, but it seems to have been pretty certain that what was prophesied at his birth, if it meant anything at all, meant that the older one would serve the younger. At the birth of Esau and Jacob, the twins. Yes? (student. 2 1/4) Yes, exactly. The blessing of the patriarchs, the blessing of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, have in no sense a power to compel something to occur, the idea of the blessing is that God gives the man the right and the opportunity to declare with divine inspiration that which is going to come to pass. It is not that he exercises his will at all, but that God uses him as an element of revelation, and if the, that of course is where Rebecca and Jacob were foolish, really Rebecca because Jacob in this case simply did what his mother told him. He was wrong in doing it, he was wrong in giving in to his mother's wickedness and doing the wicked thing that she wanted him to do, but he wasn't the originator of the plan, she originated the plan. You can fit it in with being a participant, but you can't fit it in with the, necessarily with the ignorance of God's will and of God's power that he his mother displayed, in undertaking it. His mother, however, was certainly very weak there in her understanding of God, in thinking that her husband could compel God to do something and that she could trick her husband into compelling God to do a different thing from what her husband wanted, also what God wanted. <sup>What</sup> ~~But~~ God had declared ~~we~~ God would do