Main Thought  After a good start, Isaac’s family became divided.

A Devoted Home (19-20).

- WAITING — Isaac was willing to wait for the right bride.
- COUNSEL — Isaac followed his father’s advice in marriage.
- BEHAVIOR — Isaac married Rebekah who was his kindred spirit.

A Disappointed Home (21).

- DELAYS — God’s delays (20 years) are not God’s denials (Pro. 31:15).
- PRAYER — He learned the importance of prayer and trust in God.

  The purpose of prayer is not to get our will done in heaven but to get God’s will done on earth.

  - He was not selfish but was concerned about God’s promises.
  - Jewish tradition is that he prayed this prayer on Mt. Moriah.

A Distressed Home (22-23).

- CONFLICT — The twins jostled (struggled KJV) within her (Rom. 7:21-25).
- PRAYER — Rebekah also prayed for insight (Psa. 73:17; Rom. 9:10-13).
- ANSWER — Two nations: the younger stronger than the older.

A Divided Home (24-28).

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A Decided Home (29-34).

- Esau sought the instant gratification of the flesh.
  
  - EYES — heart led by eyes (Job 31:1, 7; 2 Sam. 11:2; Pro. 23:31 -- red, smooth).
  - INSTANT — quick, impulsive.
  - FLESH — Famished (now a traveler came [2 Sam. 12:4]).
  - SHORT TERM VIEW — What good is it now? (Naboth — 1 Kings 21:3).
  - INDULGENCE — He ate and drank, got up, and left.
  - REMORSEFUL — but not repentant (Heb. 12:16).

- Jacob sought the blessing of God (Matt. 6:33).