Main Thought  “O what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive.”  
Sir Walter Scott

ISAAC — aging gracefully or blemished finish (1-4)?

| A good beginning is no guarantee of a good ending (2 Tim. 4:7) |
| like Lot, Gideon, Samson, Saul, Solomon, Demas (2 Tim. 4:10), Alexander |
| (2 Tim. 4:14) many others. |

- He thought only of himself and not others (Phil. 2:4).
- He disobeyed God’s command by planning to bless Esau.
- He followed his senses—taste (4, 9, 25), touch (21), hearing (22), smell (27) but not sight for he was blind.

REBEKAH — trusting God or deception (5-17)?

- EAVESDROPPING (5) — not working with but against each other as husband and wife (27:42; Luke 11:17).
- SCHEMING (6-10) --- she justified her actions and used the world’s wisdom (James 3:13-18).
- VOWING (11-17) --- Jacob’s worry was not getting caught rather than doing the right thing (Psa. 32:2; 2 Cor. 11:3).

The Eleventh Commandment of Jacob -- Thou shalt not get caught!

JACOB — backbone or spineless (18-29)?

Lie #1  His name — said he was Esau!
Lie #2  His actions — said he obeyed!
Lie #3  His food — said it “my game” when it was “her goat”!
Lie #4  His Lord — said the Lord gave him success!!!
Lie #5  His name — said he was Esau!
Lie #6  His kiss — it was hypocritical (Luke 22:48).

ESAU — submission or rebellion? (30-40)?

- He rebelled against Isaac to go against God’s will (25:34; 26:34-35).
- He rebelled by blaming somebody else – Jacob!
- He rebelled by not truly repenting but merely being remorseful with worldly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:10; Heb. 12:16-17).