

MS 108-03 Answers

1) Why did Abraham express such great faith in his willingness to offer up Isaac as a sacrifice? (note [Hebrews 11:17-19](#)).

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son,

[Heb 11:18](#) even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

[Heb 11:19](#) Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

Abraham believed that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. His faith in God's promise gave him the courage to trust God even when He told him to sacrifice Isaac.

2) What mistakes did both Abraham and Isaac make?

Abraham and Isaac both told King Abimelech that their wives were their sisters instead of their wives. They gave into fear in order to save their own lives. Abraham also told Pharaoh that Sarah was his sister.

3) What was the source of contention between Jacob and Esau, even from birth?

The birthright as the first born son was the source of contention between Jacob and Esau, even from birth.

4) Why was Esau called "godless"? (note [Hebrews 12:16](#))

Heb 12:16 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.

[Heb 12:17](#) Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

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5) What was Esau's incorrect view of the birthright and the blessing? You may want to read [ES106-02](#) again to refresh your memory.

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6) How did God deal with Jacob's character flaws?

[Gen 32:26](#) Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

[Gen 32:27](#) The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.

[Gen 32:28](#) Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

God changed Jacob's name to Israel.

