

# Esau's Birthright

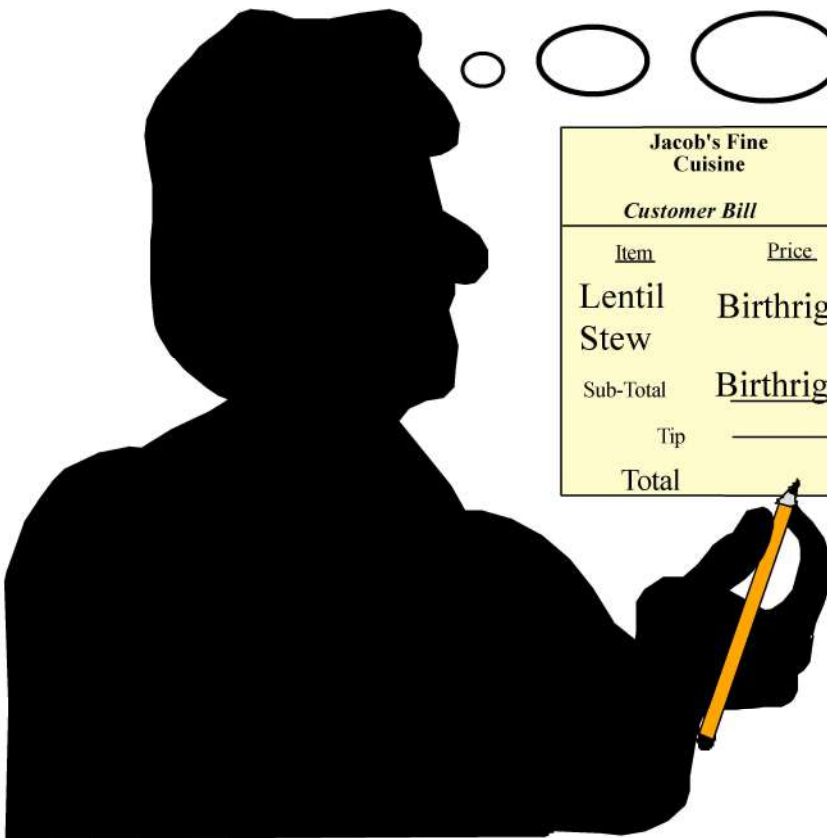
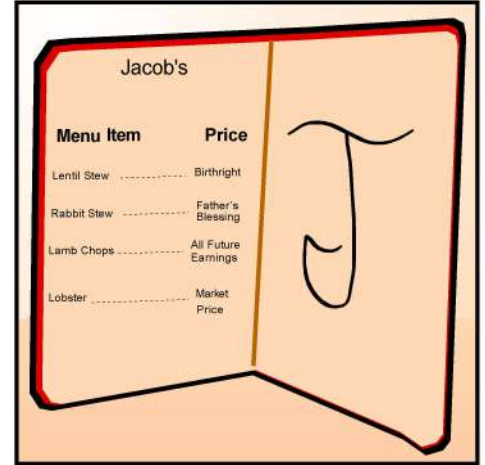
Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of the red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.)

Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

"Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

But Jacob said, "Swear to me first."

So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright. Genesis 25:29-34



He's nuts if he thinks I'm going to leave a tip

Jacob's Fine Cuisine	
Customer Bill	
Item	Price
Lentil Stew	Birthright
Sub-Total	<u>Birthright</u>
Tip	_____
Total	

Esau's hunger overruled his judgement. How could his perspective be so clouded that he was willing to sell his birthright for a bowl of soup? Was this an isolated case or was he always as impulsive? Scripture doesn't say, but it sure would be interesting to get Esau's justification for the choices he made. Keeping our priorities straight in life is not always an easy task. The things that may seem incredibly important to us right now may not have any importance to us next year. Sacrificing the future for the present is a constant temptation.

Here's the answer: Live with one eye set on eternity to keep the urgencies of today from stealing the joys of tomorrow.