

to beat this sucker, so he told him, sell me your birthright and I will get you some food, and his older brother said, I am so near the point of death that what good is a birthright anyway; okay, I'll sell it to you. So the deal was struck. Jacob gave his brother some pottage, whatever that is, as it was called, and they went on about their business. Well, about...well, many years later because the Bible gives years, and I don't believe they're years like our years. It was more years than you'd accept because Jacob was...Isaac was 60 years old when these 2 kids were conceived so that's how they reckoned time in those days. But, at any rate, when old Isaac's eyes got dim and he felt like he was about to die, and time came to give the blessing to the elder son, he said, Esau, I want you to go out in the field and bring me some venison and make that savory, you all would call it spicy, meat that I like because I want to give you a blessing because I am about to die. So Esau went out in the field and Jacob's mother, Rebekah favored Jacob, as will happen, one child may be favored over the other one. So she called and she said, Jacob, I heard your father say he's about to die and he's going to give the blessing to Esau, but I want you to have it, so here's what we're going to do. While he is going out in the field to try to shoot some venison, you go get a couple of kids out of the flock, I'll kill them, cook some savory meat like your daddy likes, and I'll...and you take it in and you get the blessing. And Jacob said, well, now Daddy might be blind but he is not stupid. How are we going to pull this off? She was even slicker than Jacob. He was a child of his mama. So she said we are going to put on some of Esau's stinky clothes. Then I am going...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to take the fur from these goats and cover your hands, your arms, and the back of your neck, because, as you say, Esau is a hairy man and you're a smooth man. And Jacob was smooth in more ways than one. Since my time is up just about, I'll wait until my next time before I go on.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: As the Fates would have it. So Jacob took this savory meat that his mother had made, took it to his father, and his father, who is going blind, said who is that? And Jacob said, it is I, your son Esau. And Isaac says, well,