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Outline

1. What blessing is
2. What blessing does
3. How it can be received

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To bless in the OT means “to endue with power for success, prosperity, fecundity, longevity, etc.” It is frequently contrasted with qālal “to esteem lightly, curse” (cf. Deut 30:1, 19).

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Exodus 33:20 (NIV)

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**Genesis 27:10-13 (NIV)**

¹⁰Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.”

¹¹Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. ¹²What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing.”

¹³His mother said to him, “My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me.”

