

Vort on Parshas Toldos

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Everyone wonders, why did Yitzchok want to give the berachos to Aisav – its true that Aisav managed to fool him to think he was a tzadik, but he certainly knew that Yaakov was the one who sat and learned Torah all day while aisav had shortcomings (see Rashi on 27-21). I heard an answer from Rabbi Yitzchok B. Shlit" a that these berachos were the berachos of King/leadership. (There are two other sets of berachos in this weeks parsha, the ones Aisav finally got and the ones that Yaakov got at the end of the parsha before he went to Lavan). Only one who has nisyonos and challenges is worthy to be a King/leader. Therefore Yitzchok felt that only aisav could get the berachos because even though Yaakov actually learned more and may have behaved better, he did have the nisyonos that would make him worthy.

In reality, Aisav was not worthy, because he had not overcome his nisyonos, and Yaakov's nisyonos were yet to come (in the upcoming parshios), but the basic point stands.

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