

GSM

Isaac

I. Isaac- Child of Promise

- A. Isaac means laughter.
- B. He was the younger of the two brothers (Ishmael) but he was the heir of the promise. This stand for two covenants. [**Gal. 4:24**] The old covenant comes first but you can only inherit from God based upon the new covenant.
- C. Isaac prayed for his wife because she was barren. She was unable to produce of herself. Isaac and Rebecca trusted God to produce for them! All three wives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were barren and God had to open us their wombs. [**Gal 4:27**] This shows that God's inheritance comes from His promise and grace not from what we can produce. We are barren spiritually without God.
- D. Rebecca had twins. God revealed there were two nations fighting within her. He told her the elder would serve the younger. The second born would inherit the blessings of God. Jacob was the younger son but he received the blessings of God instead of Esau. In ancient culture the first born had the rights to the family blessing. In Isaac and Jacob God gave the blessing to those who were totally undeserving of it. Grace is unmerited favor. The blessing went on down through Joseph the youngest of Jacob. It went down further to the two sons of Joseph- the younger received the blessing of the firstborn.
- E. God wanted to show that the blessing of the firstborn comes upon those not deserving it.

Jesus is the firstborn of God. Through His finished work we receive the blessing of the firstborn even though we do not deserve it.

F. God will not bless the flesh (our first born) but he blesses the new creation (the second born). The old creation was a product of man and produced by the will of man, the second creation was produced from the will and power of God.

G. Esau and Jacob- God made a choice between these two before they were born. He said the elder would serve the younger. [**Romans 9:10-13**]

1. God hated Esau- what does this mean- In the ancient world to hate meant not to choose or prefer. [**Gen. 29:30-31**]

2. God did not choose Jacob because of his works. He chose Jacob because he was a believer.

II. Isaac- Man of the well

A. [**Gen. 25:5**]- When Abraham died he gave everything to Isaac. Isaac did not have to work for it or believe God for it. It was just given to Him. We do not see Isaac developing into a great man of faith. He often was led by His carnal senses. He liked Esau better because of the steaks he prepared! Rebecca like Jacob better.

B. [**Gen. 25:11**]- Isaac dwelt at the well of Lahai-roi- The well of Him who sees me and helps me.

C. Abraham might of dug this well but he at least owned it. This was the place where Isaac dwelt when he waited for Rebecca to come and went out to meditate.

D. Isaac lived from His father's well.

E. We for a time can live from other people's well or revelation of God. A well speaks of refreshing,

sustaining, and life. It pictures living from a revelation of God. [**Is. 12:3**]- wells of salvation. Isaac lived from the well of Abraham's salvation

- F. [**Gen. 26:1**]- There is another famine and Isaac goes south but God stops him from going to Egypt. He said he would be with him and bless him in the land
- G. However, Isaac got into fear and gave away his wife to Abimelech to save his own neck just like his dad did years before. Abraham told a half truth- Sarah was his half sister, but Isaac told a full lie!
- H. Abimelech rebukes him and teaches him morals
- I. [**Gen. 26:12**] -Instead of being judged by God for the lie he sows in the land and reaps a hundred fold blessing.
- J. God again and again shows goodness to those who are not walking close to him and the goodness of God leads to repentance- a change of mind towards God and brings them into a closer walk with Him. Religion and Law is opposite of this. They say that you must have a close walk with God and then and only then will you see God's goodness.
- K. Isaac dwelt in the land of Gerar and was blessed by Abimelech because of the covenant that was made between Abraham and Abimelech. He was still living off his father's name and the covenant of his father.
- L. He was forced to leave that land because of persecution. God was behind this to get Isaac weaned off of living from his dad, to living off of God himself. God will not allow us to live off of

second hand revelation permanently. We must live from our own well.

- M. Isaac is forced out but he still tries to live from his father's wells. He finds some of his dad's old wells that the Philistines filled in after Abraham died and he redug them but they did not prosper. There was continual strife from others over the well. People can fight you and win over revelation from someone else. However, people will not be able to wrestle away from you a revelation directly received from God!
- N. [**Gen. 26:23-25**]-He finally came to Beersheba-another well of His father. This is the place where Abraham and Abimelech made an oath. This was the oath that Isaac was counting upon until now. Here God appears to Him and reveals himself to him personally. Now God is not just daddy's God but Isaacs God. For the first time he now builds his own **altar**. Isaac is trusting in God as Savior himself. Then he digs his own well for the first time and lives from it. He now is living from his own revelation of God.

III. Isaac is dim spiritually

- A. [**Gen. 27:1**]-Isaac sight is dim in the natural and spiritually because he does not know which son he is blessing.
- B. Jacob grew spiritually and although his eyes were dim he knew exactly which son he was blessing.
[**Gen. 48:19**]
- C. Isaac died at 180 years old.