

Isaac: Continuing The Godly Legacy Of His Father

Genesis 26:24-25

24 That night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham."

25 Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well.

Hebrews 11:20 - "By faith (he) blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future".

1. Isaac built an altar!

Genesis 26:25a - "Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord."

Genesis 26:12-14

12. Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him.

13. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy.

14. He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him.

Genesis 26:15-16

15. So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth.

16. Then Abimelech said to Isaac, "Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us."

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An ALTAR speaks of DEVOTION!

ROMANS 12:1 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

2. Isaac pitched a tent!

Genesis 26:25b - "there he pitched his tent."

A TENT speaks of DETACHMENT!

Jim Elliot - "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, in order to gain what he cannot lose!"

1 JOHN 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.

17 The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

3. Isaac dug a well!

Genesis 26:25c - "...there his servants dug a well."

A WELL speaks of DEPENDENCE!

Psalm 1:3b - "...a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

1. The Word of God

2. The Holy Spirit

Matthew 4:4 - "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Jn. 7:38-39 – He said, "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the

Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.”

A WELL speaks of DEPENDENCE!

- Have you built an altar?

Are you maintaining that altar?

Are you daily renewing your DEVOTION to the Lord?

Are you Consecrating your heart to Him alone?

- Have you pitched a tent?

In your heart of hearts are you DETACHED from the things of this world?

- Have you dug a well?

Are you DEPENDENT upon the Word of God as your source?

Are you DEPENDENT upon the Holy Spirit to lead your life?

Are you continuing to dig for the water of life?