

Gen 25:1-26:35

So we remember last time that Abraham's beloved wife, Sarah died.

He purchased a burial spot for her.

Then after that emotional time in Abraham's life we remember Abraham then asked his servant to find his son a bride.

He made him swear this bride would not be from the pagan nations around them, but from his homeland, and from his family.

So the servant journeyed to Ur to find a bride for Isaac.

And remember he prayed specifically for God to show him who she was, and the manner for which he would know.

And before he finished praying this young beauty came to the well, and did all that the servant asked of the Lord.

Then he asked her to go back with him and marry Isaac, for which she agreed.

And we need to remember what this whole picture represents for us as Christians.

Abraham is a Type of the Father, we saw this as he even went to sacrifice his own son.

In our last narrative, the servant represented the Holy Spirit, and Isaac of course is a type of the Christ.

The servant representing the Holy Spirit was sent out to find the bride for the Son.

Who is this Bride, who does Rebekah characterize? The Church.

And even today the Holy Spirit has the task, given from the Father to find those who would come into the church; He is inviting and leading the Lost to Christ, bringing Glory to God as He works.

So now we will move on in our narrative...

Abraham and Keturah(1 Chron 1:32,33)

25:1 Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah. 2 And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. 3 Jokshan begot Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. 4 And the sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoah, Abidah, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

So Abraham is well past a hundred years old feels invigorated enough to take on another wife after Sarah's death.

For which he produces more offspring, and again fulfilling the promise that many nations would come from him.

But we see a separation from all his offspring, and the one son of promise, for which the lineage of the promised Messiah would come from.

5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac. 6 But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.

So we see all of Abraham's decedents were sent away from Isaac, as Abraham takes God's promises serious.

But Abraham still being a loving father gives his other children some of his own wealth, and I'm sure out of these gifts they were set to start their own lives.

These people too assimilated into the Arab people.

So we will no longer follow any other decedents except Isaac, the promised son.

We will have mention of Ishmael's family, but only to show that God was true to His promises to Ishmael.

But from Adam to Christ, there is only one lineage that matters.

That is the lineage that will one day bring salvation to all mankind that will be the sacrifice for all sins, the lineage that leads to Jesus of Nazareth.

Abraham's Death and Burial

7 This is the sum of the years of Abraham's life which he lived: one hundred and seventy-five years. 8 Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. 9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, 10 the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife. 11 And it came to pass, after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac dwelt at Beer Lahai Roi.

So we see some really interesting things here.

Where does it say Abraham went after he died?

Does it say he went into the grave, and his life was over? He now was to decompose, and the man Abraham was gone forever?

No it says Abraham was gathered to his people. Well what people?

Was he buried with his ancestors? Or with his father and mother?

No he was buried in his own burial place far away from his people.

He was gathered with those who by faith waited for the Promised Messiah.

We see here for the first time a mention of the afterlife.

And he was put in a place, that Jesus would call Abraham's bosom, a place where all those prior to Abraham, and after Abraham would be gathered, if and only if they were waiting in faith for the Messiah.

Now the wicked went to another place of torment.

But Abraham who it is said believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness was the father of faith, and all who would believe God, and would trust in God's Sacrifice for salvation.

So you see all the way up to the cross we have this temporary holding place for those who would believe.

Turn with me to Luke 16 as Jesus gives us clarity on this issue.

Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

16:19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' 29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them

hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

For context sake, we must understand some things.

Parables, which can be defined as a didactic story, in prose or verse, which illustrates one or more instructive lessons or principles.

Some say this is only a parable... However

Jesus never used names in a parable.

And we do know of one of Jesus' friends that actually died, and Jesus let him be buried, and waited four days actually after his burial to arrive.

And Jesus actually raised Lazarus from the dead.

I find it interesting, that Jesus in this story used his friend's name, and I wonder if this story be a true story.

Anyway in this teaching, Jesus gives us clarity on the afterlife prior to the cross.

And I think if anyone has authority on the afterlife, it would be Jesus.

I sometimes get asked the question....

So what happened to those in Abraham's bosom after the cross?

Remember when Jesus was asked for a sign from the faithless crowd following Him.

He said only one will be given you, as Jonah was 3 days and 3 nights in the belly of a fish, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.

And Jesus was there those 3 days before his resurrection setting those captives free.

In Ephesians 4 we see he descended into the lower parts of the earth before He ascended into heaven.

The side known as Abraham's Bosom is cleared out, and now when those who have faith in Jesus, God's Only Son, that He died for our sins, scripture tells us, when we leave these bodies instantly we are present with the Lord.

So we see in scripture way back at Abraham, that death was not the end, but truly the beginning.

Know this tonight, there is a life past this life, if you live for the here and now, you will miss what is required for the eternity after this.

Eternity is a lot longer wouldn't you say?

You know I have been at the bedside of unbeliever and believer at the end of their lives.

Unbelievers I find in this incredible struggle to hold on to this life.

They are in a fearful fight and struggle to keep breathing, you see in their eyes, they are fearful of what is ahead for them.

It is one of the most terrible, and hopeless things to experience in this life.

However, on the other hand, when a brother or sister of the faith are about to enter into eternity, I see this supernatural peace.

They don't usually put up a fight, they say things like I am tired, I just want to go home with Jesus.

They say I am not afraid of death, and when death comes for them, they go peacefully, because they have faith in the One who conquered death.

Our sister Betty Boord just went home to be with Jesus on Sunday.

My brother Tony was with her and her family, he said they just worshipped the Lord until she went home.

He said the peace and light shining out of that room was spreading to outside the room, and to other parts of the hospital.

What an amazing thing that our God can even use what most people fear the most, and turn it into something of hope for others.

I know before Jesus came into my life, death was something I feared, the uncertainty of dying here in this life, with the choices I was making frightened me. But after Jesus became Lord of my life, no longer did I find myself with this fear.

Me and Jess have always had a ministry to the outcast, we have been called to what some call the extreme of society, we have seen darkness, we have encountered fear.

Sometimes late at night when we reminisce on the past we marvel we are still alive.

One night when we were living in Lake Havasu, Az. one of my co-worker's girlfriends called and said hey Matt is drunk, and going crazy, she said she took the kids, and he said he wants to talk to us.

We loved the guy, looking back, we should have called the police, but we really wanted to see this guy come to the Lord.

So we showed up, he is burning all her stuff in the front driveway, and me and Jess jump out of the car.

I come up on him, and I see in his hand a 357 revolver.

I calmly tell Jess go back to the car, as he is getting erratic, holding it to his head, and I start pleading with him.

I was able to talk him back into his garage, and he starts pointing the gun at me, that is a big round, and barrel pointed right at me, and I can see right down the barrel.

And something interesting happened in that moment, things started moving slow motion, and I realized in that moment, I might see Jesus really soon.

And as stressful as everything was, I had this surreal peace and calm.

And as crazy as it sounds I kind of had this excitement, like I am in a place I can die, and I am going to heaven.

No fear, no dread, no uncertainty.

Jess said she had the same peace over the moment.

She was supposed to be in the car, but turns out she was right behind me.

Anyway he is screaming, and waving his gun all over the place.

And in his drunken tirade he waved his arms, and he flung the gun across the garage on accident.

Well my wife ran and got it, and I tell you in the same calm and peace, I ran at my friend and took him through a wall.

I call it full contact ministry.

I was surprised because I had many other encounters in life with violence but God was keeping me calm, no adrenaline, I was thinking clearly, I subdued my friend, until he had no energy to fight any longer.

Then I said Matt I love you bro. That's all I said, and he broke down and started crying.

We stayed and ministered to him that night, and put him to bed like a little child.

Me and Jess left that night, we took his gun, Jess picked it up, and there was not one round in it.

All that for an empty gun.

I came over the next morning and helped him patch the man size whole in his drywall.

We talked of the Lord, and had a neat time of ministry.

But that feeling of knowing I could die, and the peace I had was so overwhelming, and definitely something I will never forget, there is life after this one, and we need to be prepared for it.

Abraham was gathered to his people; those people were the people of faith that lived before him.

One day we will be gathered to our people, there are only two kinds really, the rebellious, in eternal separation from God, and those of us who by faith believed on Jesus as the Messiah.

What people will you be gathered too?

So something else we see in this portion of scripture is that this earthly blessing transferred from Abraham to Isaac, and it will be transferred later tonight to Jacob.

So very important this lineage of blessing.

So now, maybe at their father's funeral, Ishmael maybe gave Isaac his lineage, to show that Yahweh was true to His Word, and a recording of the fulfilled promise to Ishmael.

The promise was in **Gen 17:20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.**

And now it will be recorded for us...

The Families of Ishmael and Isaac(1 Chron 1:29-31)

12 Now this is the genealogy of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maidservant, bore to Abraham. 13 And these were the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, 14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, 15 Hadar, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. 16 These were the sons of Ishmael and these were their names,

by their towns and their settlements, twelve princes according to their nations. 17 These were the years of the life of Ishmael: one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people. 18 (They dwelt from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt as you go toward Assyria.) He died in the presence of all his brethren.

So we see Ishmael was gathered to his people.

He too had encounters with Yahweh, and believed, and we see the promises made to him, came true.

His life of faith was rewarded with an eternity with Yahweh.

However his sons would join with the pagan nations around them.

Now Isaac's story is given to us...

19 This is the genealogy of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham begot Isaac. 20 Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian. 21 Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22 But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.

23 And the Lord said to her:

"Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."

So we see something very interesting here, Rebekah sought the Lord, and He responds to her.

We don't know how He spoke, if through a prophet, Theophany, or angel.

But it says something about her faith, that she prayed in such a way that she expected God to answer her.

And He does, He explains there are two nations in her womb.

And as we will see they will be complete opposite persons altogether.

These will be far from identical twins.

One will be born and inherit Rebekah's fellowship with God, the other will be born with Isaac's draw to fleshly things.

We will not see God speak to Isaac as He did Rebekah until after a great testing period and humbling period in his life.

So two completely opposite children are in her womb, and we see the sanctity of life here, as these children

are more than just goo, they are life's with emotion, and even a little fight.

I know when Jess was pregnant with Sof, I could not believe how early on we were able to see a heartbeat. Don't ever let culture tell you that those babies in the womb are not a life.

We must stand for the rights of those little lives in the womb.

So Rebekah hears from God, and now we will see His Word is Fulfilled.

24 So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb. 25 And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau. 26 Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

Esau means Rough, I imagine his hair was rugged like, so he kind of gets a manly name.

Jacob means heel catcher. Not the coolest name, but it fits him.

27 So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in

tents. 28 And Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

We see here right off the bat a huge difference between these two boys.

Esau was a man of the flesh, he negated his responsibilities in learning farming and tending the flocks, but instead he learned to hunt.

Never really wanting to grow up, he would rather go and play in the field, and spend his time as a sportsman.

Now there was probably no purpose for him to hunt. Abraham passed all his wealth to his son Isaac, there were enough cattle and goats to eat.

Esau did this out of amusement not necessity.

And the fact that he was so good at it meant he spent a lot of time away from the duties of the Agricultural people.

Jacob however was a man of the tent, or he assumed the lifestyles and traditions passed down from Abraham, to Isaac, to himself.

He took on the manly duties of the field, and taking care of the cattle, and sheep.

He was a man of duty and wisdom.

Esau won his father over through his fleshly appetite.

He like the exotic tastes Esau brought to his table.

I imagine, it was not even the taste, because we will see they were able to make a goat taste like venison.

Maybe it was the stories and feats of Esau that Isaac loved.

So we see a household divided already between fleshly desires, and the duties of a godly life.

So our story continues on...

I imagine since God proclaimed the older would serve the younger, that Esau grew contempt in his heart to the cultural birthright.

God declared Isaac the younger would be blessed; this went against all that the culture said was normal.

I imagine perhaps Isaac loved Esau and the food he brought before him so much, that maybe he could justify giving Esau the birthright anyway.

He could have appealed to the cultural context if he needed to appease his conscious.

After all he had already seared his conscious by indulging in this wild game.

We will see Isaac will need a great humbling to get back on track.

It seems Rebekah who has already heard the voice of the Lord is pouring into Jacob a godly heritage.

We see mom doing what dad should be doing.

So because Isaac is not doing his fatherly duty, Jacob, instead of trusting God will manipulate the situation.

Esau Sells His Birthright(Heb. 12:16)

29 Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary." Therefore his name was called Edom.

So because of his great blunder here, he will be known as Edom, which means Red, a constant reminder of his fleshly desires.

Jacob capitalizes on Esau's weakness...

31 But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."

32 And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?"

33 Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day."

So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he

ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

We see here Esau forsook his heritage, for a bite to eat.

How foolish he seems here, I imagine Jacob after he had finished cooking would have given his brother some of the red stew, without any payment.

But Esau driven by his fleshly impulses in a rash decision gives Jacob his birthright.

It says after this how Esau despised his birthright.

In this culture it was a double portion of inheritance when the father passed away.

Esau as the oldest would be the ruler of the family, he would be entrusted with enormous responsibility and family business.

I imagine he despised his birthright because he was so irresponsible.

He thought nothing of the great privilege to rule his family.

A bite of lentils was worth more to him than leaving his lifestyle of fun and games.

I wonder about some who are wasting away their heritage as men to a video game screen.

They are selling their birthrights of being a man of God, to sit and play in a fantasy world for all hours of the day.

Many today, would rather spend their days at a coffee shop wasting days away in thinking and playing then actually engaging in any kind of responsible living.

It seems the right thing to do is get a job, live a life for God, stop indulging in your fleshly desires.

Nowhere in scripture do we see, "I am young, so I get to live for myself now"

I imagine there might be many Christians today who have sold their birthright and heritage as an adopted heir of God Almighty, for their fleshly appetites.

We think God does not see us when we are on our computers, or messaging filthy messages.

As God told Israel in **Isa. 65:12 When I spoke, you did not hear, But did evil before My eyes, And chose that in which I do not delight."**

God tells us not to chase after our fleshly desires, but we buy into what culture tells us, to live for ourselves, to live for me, and we do all this while God is trying to speak to us.

We are a nation of Esau's as we sell off our birthright for the pleasures of this life.

So we will move onto our next portion of our story...

Isaac and Abimelech

26:1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.

Does this story sound familiar?

Well we see here Abimelech is a title for a king, like Pharaoh would be in Egypt.

And here Isaac walks the same path as his father Abraham.

He has his father's story for wisdom, he most definitely has heard the story of his father, and should be able to trust the Lord through this hard time.

It seems he leaves his two sons back with the possessions as he travels to the land of the Philistines.

And it also seems he might have been trying to leave the promise land as we will see next.

2 Then the Lord appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.

3 Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. 4 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give

to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; 5 because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

So Isaac hears the Lord, the promises made to Abraham were now given to him, by the Word of the Lord.

He tells Isaac to obey, like Abraham did.

Now after hearing this command you would think it would be easy for Isaac to obey.

After all he has just heard from Yahweh, the God of his forefathers.

All the promises transferred to him.

But like many of us we have to go through trials usually, we have to be humbled, allowed to make mistakes, to understand the enormity of our need for God.

Sometimes it is not until we are fully depleted of ourselves, and humbled before we hear God's Word truly.

I hear many say they cannot understand God's Word, they read it but it makes no sense.

Well one problem might be is you have not humbled yourself enough to hear from Him.

You approach God's Word with a selfish approach, you want God to do for you, to fit into your life, maybe you approach it even wanting to be entertained.

But it comes alive is when we are going through our crisis of belief's.

It usually takes something very humbling to hear God.

I would suggest we humble ourselves before God, before He humbles us.

Let's read on....

6 So Isaac dwelt in Gerar. 7 And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, "She is my sister"; for he was afraid to say, "She is my wife," because he thought, "lest the men of the place kill me for Rebekah, because she is beautiful to behold."

So he remembers the story of his father Abraham, and he only remembers hey it worked for dad. Not any worry about disobeying God.

He doesn't care that his father was humiliated for this same lie.

He thinks he could get away with it.

He thinks if enough time passes by he can lie, and no one will find out.

Let me tell you this about those of us who call ourselves by the Name of our God, and we say we are Christians, and we lie.

Our lies will find us out.

And parents, let this be a lesson, your kids will do what you do, not what you say.

One of the biggest issues, and why many of the young people are leaving the church today, is because their parents told them to love Jesus, but never showed them how.

They gave them a picture of hypocrisy instead.

It is so much more effective to demonstrate your faith, than command a faith on your children.

But know this, if you drink, you will more than likely have kids who drink, same with drugs, and if you lie, your kids will be liars.

You see they love no one more than mom or dad, and they want to be just like you.

Please take that to heart, your kids need to see a genuine faith, not religion.

So moving on...

8 Now it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through a window, and saw, and there was Isaac,

showing endearment to Rebekah his wife. 9 Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Quite obviously she is your wife; so how could you say, 'She is my sister'?"

So here Isaac is found out.

We see here Isaac is respected enough to live close to the king.

The king looks out from his window and sees Jacob making love to his wife or showing some kind of endearment that is not going to happen between brother and sister.

And his lie is found out, and he is humiliated in a place where people respected him.

This is horrible, his witness is blown.

Now he will try to do damage control.

Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die on account of her.'"

10 And Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might soon have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt on us." 11 So Abimelech charged all his people, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

So this king Abimelech is familiar with his father's stories of Abraham, and Abraham's God.

And this Abimelech knows the power in Isaacs God, and he rebukes Isaac, for almost bringing on the same wrath that came upon his father's house.

Remember the women were struck, and not able to conceive children, so almost an end to the people of the Philistines had Abraham not confessed and prayed for them.

So this Abimelech puts out an ordinance that no one should touch Isaac or his wife, or their life would be required of them.

Surly he has heard the stories of this Mighty Yahweh, and he did not want to cross him by doing harm to his chosen vessel Isaac.

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. 13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; 14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him. 15 Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth. 16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we."

So Isaac's power and might grew in the sight of these jealous Philistines.

Even with them trying to make Isaac fail, by filling up the wells, God still prospered him.

And they are threatened by this mighty man of God, and they ask him to leave.

I imagine it was the pressure from his constituents that Abimelech asked Isaac to leave.

17 Then Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. 18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them.

19 Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there. 20 But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek(which means strife), because they quarreled with him. 21 Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one also. So he called its name Sitnah(Opposition, quarrel). 22 And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, because he

said, "For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

So instead of quarrelling with the Philistines they keep moving on until they find a spot, called "Spread Out", or "Room for us"

And the Lord has given them room and peace now.

23 Then he went up from there to Beersheba. 24 And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake." 25 So he built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

So we see more testing for Isaac, and he is blessed with another Word from God.

And he is blessed, and given power and might so much so now Abimelech comes to make peace.

26 Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath, one of his friends, and Phichol the commander of his army. 27 And Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?"

28 But they said, "We have certainly seen that the Lord is with you. So we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you, 29 that you will do us no harm, since we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing to you but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the Lord.'"

30 So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.

31 Then they arose early in the morning and swore an oath with one another; and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32 It came to pass the same day that Isaac's servants came and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water." 33 So he called it Shebah. Therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

The Well of Oath is found, and Isaac is restored in his ministry.

He stood the testing's of the Lord and the people.

He was found to be of the Truth.

So the same people that were creating chaos in his life are now here to come to an agreement.

Now for those of you who are having trouble in your workplace, school, or your family, you are being

persecuted, you are responding rightly, you are living peaceably.

However you are mocked, scorned, and rejected.

Learn from Isaac here, stick it out, after they realize you are the real deal, they will come back around, and with a respect.

God might even use you to minister to them.

So keep doing right, for God is surely on the side of the person who does right, He will make it evident to those watching.

So the last verse will go more with the next teaching, but we simply see Esau choose his fleshly desires again.

What a sad state man is in when he chases after his fleshly appetite.

34 When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. 35 And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.

The flesh and it's draw have been the downfall of many great men and woman.

If you are struggling this evening with anything, please come and get prayer.

We are here for you...