

“Isaac and Abimelech” (Genesis 26:1-35)

For the week of September 19, 2021

Read Genesis 26:1-6

Observation

What situation made Isaac concerned?

What did God say to Isaac and how did Isaac respond?

Interpretation

The famine during Abraham's time is referenced. Read Genesis 12:10-20. What had Abraham done in the time of famine? What had happened to him and Sarah?

Application

God made an oath to Abraham that is mentioned in verse 3 and reminded Isaac of this oath. What are some of the promises God has given to you? How has this impacted your daily walk with Him?

Read Genesis 26:7-11

Observation

What lie did Isaac tell? What prompted him to do this?

Interpretation

In view of God's promises (Genesis 26:3-5), how is Isaac's behavior surprising?

Application

Verse 8 tells us about the length of time that Isaac kept up this pretense. What does this show about his trust in God?

How does sin block a person's relationship with God? What is the remedy?

Read Genesis 26:12-22

Observation

How did God keep his promises to Isaac?

What conflict happened as a result? How was it solved?

Interpretation

Considering Isaac's wavering faith, what does this tell us about God?

Application

Our faith wavers at times, doesn't it? Read the following passages and then thank God for His faithfulness: Lamentations 3:22-23; Psalm 119:89-90; Malachi 3:6; 2 Timothy 2:13.

Read Genesis 26:23-35

Observation

How did the Lord reassure Isaac at Beersheba?

Why did Abimelech approach Isaac? What was Isaac's response?

Interpretation

What was the first thing God said to Isaac after identifying Himself as the God of Abraham?

For whose sake was God going to bless Isaac? How might this have been reassuring?

Application

How might this reassure us too in the face of our weaknesses and fears?

God's Word says we are all children of the promise to Abraham through the one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Read Romans 4:9-17 and Galatians 3:29 and thank God!