

(Genesis) Genesis 26 Introduction

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Genesis 26 explores Isaac's life, emphasizing God's covenant and the lessons of faith and patience amidst seemingly mundane events.

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Scripture: Genesis 26:18

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of recognizing the message in seemingly unexciting chapters of the Bible. He refers to Romans 15:4, which states that everything written in the Scriptures is for our learning and hope. The focus of the sermon is on Genesis 26, where Isaac, the beloved son, receives confirmation of the covenant but falls into the same sin of unbelief as his father Abraham. The speaker highlights the significance of Isaac digging wells in the land of Gira, explaining that there is a message in this seemingly mundane act.

Transcript

I come today to the 26th chapter of the book of Genesis. If you have your Bible, turn there, and if you have our notes and outlines, be sure and use them. And may I also add, if you do not have notes and outlines, we invite you to write in and ask for yours today.

Now, frankly, when I was a much younger preacher than I am now, chapters like this worried me, especially here in the book of Genesis, when there's so many exciting chapters. And very frankly, when you read this chapter here, it doesn't seem to be very exciting. In fact, it isn't.

It's rather colorless, uninteresting. In fact, it's sort of blah when you read it. And especially when you have an exciting man like Abraham here before this, then you have the exciting man Jacob that's coming before us now.

And this chapter is all about Isaac. In fact, it's the only chapter that's really all about Isaac. And it doesn't seem to be very exciting.

All he does is dig wells. And yet, in later years, I've come to examine these chapters and have found out that God has a message here for us also. In fact, a very important message, because we need to recognize that what Paul said is quite accurate.

In Romans 15, 4, he says, "...for whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." And this is a chapter to give some of us patience, because very frankly, I think this is a chapter for folk like some of us. I must say, I come under this category, but don't get the impression by just reading this chapter, this is all God wants. I'm glad the Lord had a man around like Abraham, and a man like Jacob, and a man like David, because they were go-getters, and they were aggressive.

And that God can use also. But this chapter has a great message for many of us, and I'm sure that we're going to get it. Because again, Paul said all, "...Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, truly furnished unto all good works." Now, with that thought in mind, let's come to Genesis 26.

Here Isaac, the beloved son, has the covenant confirmed to him. And then we find him dropping into the same sin of unbelief that his father Abraham did. And then we see him digging these wells in the land of Gerar.

This doesn't seem to be very exciting, but there's a message here for us, and so today let's not miss it.

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