

Isaac- Succession of Blessing (Hebrews 11:18)

Isaac was born to a family of faith and blessed by the grace of God - without any sweat, labor or effort. In the book of Genesis shows **“So he said, ‘I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. My master’s wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns.(Genesis 24:34-36)’** He inherited his father’s wealth as it is which God blessed to Abraham. And married Rebekah who was brought by a servant of his father. The only thing what Isaac did - Obedience to his father(Abraham) - to be ordered as as burnt offering. Because of his obedience, God blessed Isaac his whole life.

Fulfillment of Promise - Word. **“Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him.(Genesis 21:1-2)** God’s work achieved by His Word.Though Sarah was old, past age of childbearing, she became pregnant and bore a son. God did for Sarah what he had promised.

Isaac is pre-indicative of Jesus.

- 1) Isaac and Jesus were born by God’s Word(Promise). God so loved world that he gave his one and only Son to save us . God shows us that nothing is impossible in Him through Isaac.
- 2) Isaac’s obedience. Abraham placed wood for the burnt offering on his son Isaac.(Genesis 22:6) It means Isaac was old enough to resist. Jesus also did not resist on the Cross and it shows absolute obedience to father of God. Obedience demands a great price; to submit ourselves with removing our thoughts.
- 3) Abraham believed that God could even raise the dead, receive Isaac back from death when he offered Isaac as burnt offering. Jesus resurrected in three days after death on the Cross.

“God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?(Number 23:19)For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.(Matthews 5:18)

Abraham’s faith The secret to living a great life: Believe in God’s Word like Abraham. We should not believe ourselves. **“Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.(Romans 4:18-21)**

Time and God’s Plan/Providence Prayer will be answered in God’s time not just anytime. **“Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him.(Genesis 21:2)** Isaac was born in his time. Abraham waited for twenty five years. Likewise, our prayer will be answered as the best one in God’s time.**“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:a time to be born and a time to die(Ecclesiastes 3:1-20)**The most blessing in our life is to discover truth and live for it. God’s plan(Providence)

Believer do not quarreled with others for own benefit God blessed Isaac when Isaac stayed in Gerar (When there was a famine in the land God appeared to Isaac and said to live in the land where I tell you and I will be with you and will bless you.(Genesis 26)

Isaac’s servants dug in the valley and discovered a well of fresh water the herders of Gerar quarreled with him but he moved on from there and dug another well and did not quarreled over it.

Succession of Blessing **“After Abraham’s death, God blessed his son Isaac, who then lived near Beer Lahai Roi(Genesis 25:11)** Isaac succeed in blessing from Abraham who was received by faith.

Be selected(chosen) is the most blessing in the world. **“Your eyes saw my unformed body;all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be(Psalms 139:16)** **“Abraham left everything he owned to Isaac.(Genesis 25:5)“After Abraham’s death, God blessed his son Isaac, who then lived near Beer Lahai Roi.(Genesis 25:11)** Abraham’s blessing will be continued to us who believe in Jesus though he was dead. **“So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith(Galatians 3:9)**

Confusion if we do not obey God’s word Unhappiness begins with disobedience. God said that there were two nations are in Rebekah’s womb,and two people will be separated;one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger. It will be done by faith. However, Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau and wanted to bless and give birth right to him.. Isaac selected wrong one because God chose Jacob. We could not disobey, not add or omit to his Word. Isaac disobeyed to God because he did not understand his plan clearly Faith has power to be possible - from impossible when we hold to the Words of God.