

The Life of Isaac

Genesis Journey

The Battle of Our Life

Genesis 25:11 And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi.

- **God Keeps His Promises**

- God had promised Abraham that his lineage would be blessed
- God had promised that the whole earth would be blessed or benefit from Abrahams lineage
- Isaac was that son of promise...where God's Blessings were

- Isaac didn't have flashy life

- He didn't walk in all the fear and doubt that his father did
- This is a testament of what Isaac learned from his father

- Isaac's life doesn't show us anything but a steadfastness
- Isaac's testimony in God's Hall of faith was simple
 - **Hebrews 11:20** By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.
 - **This is a father's job...to be a blessing to his children**
 - **This is done by showing them how to walk by faith!**
- Today, while we look at the Life of Isaac
 - We will look at a topic that I think relevant to each of us today
 - We will look at the Battle we face every day
 - Will we do right?
 - Or will we do life our way?

Genesis 25:19 And these *are* the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac:

20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.

21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

- Isaac learned that God is where you take your problems and desires
- God had promised a great nation...so why did Isaac ask?
- Doesn't God already know what we need and want?
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22 *And the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it be so, why am I thus?" And she went to enquire of the LORD.*

23 And the LORD said unto her, "Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger."

24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there* were twins in her womb.

25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

- Our text verse for the day is 22
- **22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it be so, why am I thus?” And she went to enquire of the LORD.**
- Rebekkah was wise to go to the Lord!
 - There was a war going on inside of her
 - She asked God for answers
- God's Response was...
- **23** And the LORD said unto her, “Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; **and the one people**

shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger."

- This is where we are going to look at today
- Are you aware that if you are a child of God, you're in a battle?
- It is the battle of/for your life
- Two minds dwell inside you
- Esau and Jacob
- These two minds will never agree and never serve together
- One is going to rule the other

James 1:8 A **double minded** man *is* unstable in all his ways.

- **Which Mind will Rule?**

- God told Rebekkah that one would be stronger than the other...but He didn't say which one
- **He DID say that the elder would serve the younger**

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye **double minded**.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

- Each day we choose who will be stronger
- But God's desire is that the second one born rule the first one born