

Exposition of the Book of Genesis



Sins of the Father

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Text: Genesis 26:1-35

Summary Statement



⌘ No matter how hard we try to avoid it, apples invariably don't fall too far from the tree

Sins of the Father



⌘ Isaac was the
ordinary son of a
great father

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⌘ Isaac was the
ordinary father of a
great son

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⌘ The sinful nature of a great father was passed to his son and to his son's sons.

The Covenant (1-5)



⌘ God proclaims the covenant to Isaac. The covenant God made with Abraham was not just to Abraham but also to his descendants. (Gen. 17:7-8)

In reaffirming...



⌘...His covenant to Isaac, God was fulfilling a specific promise He made in Genesis 17:19.

Isaac's Lie (26:9-11)



⌘ Abimelech took
Rebekah because
Isaac said she was
his sister

Isaac went from...



✚... a tremendous spiritual high to a dreadful low because of the weakness of his own flesh and the poor example of his father.

The Bible does not...



⌘... teach that we are bound by generational curses but environment plays a big part in how children behave when they become adults.

The king was wise...



⌘...enough to see the way Isaac and Rebekah related to each other and he knew there was more than a brother-sister relationship.

Abimilech's Response



⌘ Abimelech rebukes Isaac just Abraham was rebuked and he admonishes the people

God's blessings...



⌘...are not conditioned
on our conduct. God
protected the sanctity of
Isaac's marriage just as
he protected the sanctity
of his father's marriage.

God blesses Isaac...



✚ God sovereignly
blesses Isaac because of
His faithfulness to His
promises to his father,
Abraham. (12-17)

The Dispute Over the Well...

⌘ Isaac's servants quarrel
with pagans over water
wells until they come to a
resolution. (18-22)

God reaffirms...



⌘ ...His promises to
Abraham and Isaac
(23-25)

God moves the...



✂...pagans living in the
land of Canaan to make
peace with Isaac
because they knew that
the Lord was with him
(26-33)

Esau grieves his...



⌘...parents by marrying a pagan woman. This incident shows that godly parents don't always produce godly children. (26:34-35)