

# The Sins of the Fathers visit their Children!

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- This is the story of Isaac, the son of Abraham
- Someone said: "Isaac is the ordinary son of a great father and the ordinary father of a great son"
- Isaac lived 180 years, longer than both his dad and his son, Jacob
- His life is filled with years that are not mentioned
- He is only mentioned when we need to know about him in the context of someone else's life
- The most notable thing about his life is that he repeated the sins of his father
- The lesson is for us as fathers. What we do will have a great affect on our children
- The lesson for children is do not make the mistakes of your dad but follow Jesus.
- Remember you are responsible for your own life and can not blame your father

1. Facing Daddy's temptations **26:1** And there was a **famine in the land**, beside the **first famine** that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. **2** And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, **Go not down into Egypt;** dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: **3 Sojourn** in this land, **and I will be with thee, and will bless thee;** for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and **I will perform the oath** which I sware unto **Abraham** thy **father;** **4** And I will **make thy seed to multiply** as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; **5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice,** and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. **6** And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: **7** And the men of the place asked *him* of his wife; and he said, *She is my sister:* for he feared to say, *She is my wife;* lest, *said he,* the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because **she was fair to look upon.** **8** And it

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- a. Our faith is always going to be tested whether by temptations that come from within us or trials around us
- James 1:2 My brethren, **count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;** 3 Knowing *this*, that the **trying of your faith worketh patience.** 4 But let **patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.** 12 Blessed *is* the man that **endureth temptation:** for when he is tried, he shall **receive the crown of life,** which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. 13 **Let no man say**

**when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14** But **every man is tempted,** when he is **drawn away of his own lust,** and enticed. 15

Then when lust hath **conceived,** it **bringeth forth sin:** and sin, **when it is finished, bringeth forth death.** 16

**Do not err, my beloved brethren.**

- i. Faith that can't be tested can't be trusted
  - ii. Often dad's temptations become our temptations
  - iii. The word Abraham is used 8 times and father 6 times in this chapter
- b. What is so wrong with Egypt 2 **And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, **Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:****
- i. Egypt represents the world
  - ii. Egypt is not the place of promise
  - iii. Egypt is not the place of God's blessing
  - iv. You would think that Isaac would have learned something about Egypt from his dad but apparently not
  - v. Notice the promise reiterated **Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee;** for unto

thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and **I will perform the oath** which I sware unto **Abraham** thy **father**; 4 And I will **make thy seed to multiply** as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; 5 **Because that Abraham obeyed my voice,** and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. 6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:

1. God has promised this land to Abraham and now to Isaac
  2. The question is will they live in the light of the promise or in the light of the circumstances
- c. Isaac is tempted to run 26:1 And there was a **famine in the land**, beside the **first famine** that was in the days of **Abraham**. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. 2 And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, **Go not down into Egypt;** dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:
- i. This is exactly what Abraham did

1. He abandoned God's place for him, the place of obedience
  2. He ran to Egypt and set a bad example for his son
- ii. Isaac went to Abimelech the king of the Philistines
  - iii. He was strongly warned not to go down to Egypt
  - iv. We can never run from our problems or trial, God is using them to build us **Romans 5:3** And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that **tribulation worketh patience;** **4** And **patience, experience; and experience, hope:**
- d. Isaac was tempted to lie **7** And the men of the place asked *him* of his wife; and he said, *She is my sister:* for he feared to say, *She is my wife;* lest, *said he,* the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because **she was fair to look upon.** **8** And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, **Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife.** **9** And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she *is thy wife:* and how saidst thou, *She is my sister?* And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her. **10** And Abimelech said, *What is this thou hast done unto us?*

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- i. Another sin that his dad committed twice
  - 1. Once in Egypt
  - 2. Another in the land of the Philistines
- ii. Real faith is living without scheming
- iii. Telling lies is one of our favorite ways to protect ourselves and escape responsibility
- e. God in His grace protect Isaac and his wife Rebecca just like he had Abraham
  - i. God exposed the lie of his man Isaac-sporting with his wife
  - ii. He protected him even though he didn't deserve it
  - iii. He showed him grace to keep His word of a promise
- f. How are we handling the temptations in our lives
  - i. What we do has a drastic affect on our children
  - ii. They are watching us and learning from us
  - iii. They will do what we do not what we say
  - iv. They see us through clearer eyes than we see ourselves

1. We judge our intentions
2. Hey judge our actions
3. We defend ourselves
4. They see us more like we are
- v. Let's try to leave a better example for our children

2. Isaac settles in the land **12** Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an **hundredfold**: and the Lord blessed him. **13** And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until **he became very great**: **14** For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. **15** For all the wells which his **father's** servants had digged in the days of **Abraham** his **father**, the **Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth**. **16** And Abimelech said unto Isaac, **Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we**. **17** And Isaac departed thence, and **pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there**. **18** And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of **Abraham** his **father**; for **the Philistines had stopped them** after the death of

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- a. God blessed his efforts 12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an **hundredfold**: and the Lord blessed him. 13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until **he became very great**:
  - i. Why did God bless a deceiver, a liar
  - ii. Because is faithful even when we are not  
II Timothy 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.
  - iii. God blessed Isaac because of Abraham's faith 26:5 just like He blesses us because of Jesus 5 **Because that Abraham obeyed my voice,** and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.
- b. The blessings brought conflict 14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.
  - i. Each time Abraham had stood up to people
  - ii. Each time Isaac simply retreats

iii. We should try to live peaceably **Romans 12:18** If it be possible, **as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.** **19** Dearly beloved, **avenge not yourselves,** but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, **Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.** **20** Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. **21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.** **James 3:17** But the **wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then **peaceable,** gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

- c. God's blessings on Isaac eventually caused the men to seek peace **28** And they said, **We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee:** and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, *even* betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;
- d. God eventually gave Isaac room **22** And he removed from thence, and **digged another well;** and for that they

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- g. Esau has one son that seems to seek every way to hurt him **34** And **Esau was forty years old when he took to wife** Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and

**Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: 35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.**

- What decisions do you need to make based on these Scriptures?
- Are you attempting to live an extraordinary life for the Lord Jesus?
- Are you concerned about how your life, example, and testimony are affecting your children?
- Have you determined to take responsibilities for your own actions or continue to blame your parents?
- Do you acknowledge that you are going to be tempted and tested? Are you ready to deal with it trusting the Lord to get you through it
- Do you run when testings come
- Do you lie when they come
- How do you deal with those that try to do you wrong
- Can people see God's hand of blessing on your life
- Do you build altars regularly