

A photograph of a deep, circular stone well. The walls are made of dark, rough-hewn stones. A green net is suspended from the top right, hanging down into the water. A rope is also visible, extending from the top right towards the center. The water at the bottom is dark and reflects the sky and trees. The text "The Gift that Keeps on Digging" is overlaid in white, serif font.

The Gift that
Keeps on Digging

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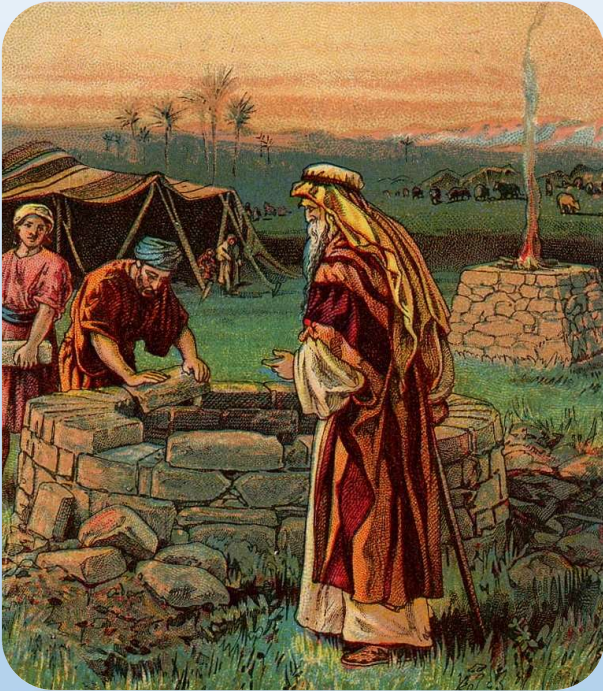
I. Genesis 26:18-25

- 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 Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.
- ¹⁹ And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.
- ²⁰ And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.
- ²¹ And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah.
- ²² And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.
- ²³ And he went up from thence to Beersheba.

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- ²⁴ And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.
- ²⁵ And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

II. Encountering the Atmosphere



- A. **Time of Famine** in the land Vs. 1
- B. **Esek**: quarrel, fight, Hebrew
- C. **Sitnah**: hostility, enmity, Hebrew, to the point of hate

Genesis 26:14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.

III. The Inheritance We Have Recieved

- Genesis 26:3-5
- 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.
- Principle: We benefit and prosper from the kept covenant of our spiritual fathers with God.

IV. The Wells of Our Inheritance May Be Closed

- Genesis 26:15

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.

The soil in the well symbolizes everything earthly and carnal of the adversary.

Principle:

Though the gift of an inheritance is free,
it still requires work to possess it.

V. Wells that Cannot Be Stopped

A. Salvation: Isaiah 12:3

1. Therefore with joy will you draw water out of the wells of salvation.

2. John 4:13,14

- ¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
- ¹⁴ But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

B. Holy Spirit: Acts 1:8 Hechos 1:8

⁸ but you will receive power after which the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

C. Anointing: Acts 10:38

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him.

D. Authority: Luke 10:19

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all power of the enemy, and nothing will harm you.

E. Wells

1. Purpose: God sovereignly selected the geography.
2. Preservation: God honors the sacrifice/labor of former generations.
3. Perpetuates: God bequeaths the present and future generations.
4. Purifies: God removes the blockages & cleanses contamination.
5. Pardons/Empowers: God digs deeper with each generation.

VI. It Is Time To Call Upon the Name of the Lord

Genesis 26: ²⁴ And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, “I *am* the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I *am* with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham’s sake.” ²⁵ So he built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac’s servants dug a well.

Genesis 4:26 Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord.

To call upon the name of the Lord means that people began to gather for corporate worship. It is time post covid to gather the people for corporate worship!

VII. It is Time to See the Lord (New wells)

Isaiah 6:1-3: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said:

- “Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”