

## ***The Necessity of Being a Good Neighbor*** ***Genesis 21:22-34***

### ***Abimelech proposes a treaty with Abraham, and he gets it. 22-24***

- Why is a King like Abimelech eager for a treaty with Abraham?  
Recall these neighbors' ordeal in 20:1ff. See concern in 26:16.
- Abraham swears to be honest and kind in his actions.

### ***Abraham complains about a well, then agrees to a covenant. 25-27***

- Wells were a huge issue, 21:19, 26:18-22, Ex. 1:15-17.  
Abimelech protests his innocence about the well, as in 20:4,5.

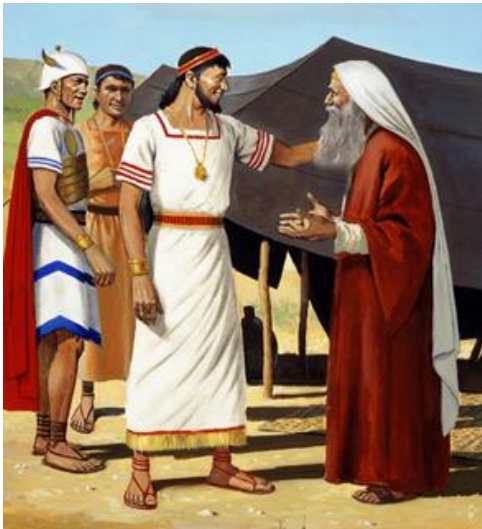
- A covenant affirms their treaty. Abraham offers his animals for the ceremony (recall 15:10) in view of Abimelech's earlier gifts.

### ***Abraham proposes an oath to solidify his right to the well. 28-30***

Abraham's gift leads to an oath solidifying his ownership of the well. Finally these neighbors have settled all their differences.

### ***Abraham names the place, plants a tree and worships God. 31-34***

- What does this naming, planting, and calling on God imply?
- Note later Beersheba will be a southern marker, I Sam. 3:10,20.



How might my neighbors feel about me and view me as their neighbor? Could they guess that I am a believer?

What could help make it more obvious that I am a believer?

Am I able to deal with my difficult neighbor or are we at odds? What might help us get along better?