

***More Deception and Disputes over Water
Genesis 26:1-33***

Blessing promised as with Abraham, but Isaac must stay put. 1-6

- ◆ Compare God's words to Isaac with those to Abraham in 17:1ff.
- ◆ This = 2nd famine (12:10) and 2nd trip to Gerar, 20:1.
- ◆ Abraham obeyed as should Isaac, which he does by staying put.

Deception occurred as with Abraham, and Isaac gets rebuked. 7-11

- ◆ Compare this deception to Abraham's in 12:11-20 and 20:1-18
- ◆ Why does Isaac respond with little faith as Abraham twice did?
Note Abimelech's frustrated response recalls 4:9,10, 12:18, 20:9.
- ◆ Why is it easy to have false assumptions about others and God!?

Water disputed as with Abraham, so Isaac makes a covenant. 12-33

- ◆ Compare this water issue and covenant with Abraham's in 21:22ff.
- ◆ Earlier Isaac did Abimelech and his people dirty, but now it's the other way around. Isaac handles all this in an exemplary way.
- ◆ After repeated moves for water, Isaac ends up at Beersheba (21:23,24), where God repeats His promises and where Isaac calls on God as Abraham earlier did.
- ◆ Abimelech believes God is with Isaac (21:22), thus he wants a covenant with him. What does the successful well that day imply?

What should we recognize and outsiders recognize about our connection with the Lord?

