

Isaac: With Abraham, Twins and Trials

Genesis 25-26

Read Genesis 25:1-11.

Isaac and Ishmael honored Abraham at his death and lived under his blessing.

- What words used to describe Abraham's death show God kept His promises to him?
- What could you say to someone unsure about what will happen when they die?

Principle: God keeps His promises through every generation.

Read Genesis 25:12-34.

Jacob and Esau are born, and Esau sells his birthright to Jacob.

- Why did Esau sell his birthright, and what lessons do you learn from this event?
- What are advantages to waiting on God's timing?

Principle: Sin never overpowers God's promises.

Read Genesis 26.

Isaac sought to follow God but sinned; he then persevered for peace with Abimelek.

- How did Isaac's choices repeat the pattern of his father Abraham?
- What are some reasons God allows hard and painful circumstances in the lives of His people?

Principle: God fulfills His promises at the right time and in the right way.

Review Genesis 25-26.

- How will you fill your mind with God's promises and turn from fear to faith?

Main truth: God keeps His promises in His time and in His way.

Scripture Memory Verse

"The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, '... Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham.' " –
Genesis 26:2-3

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Exploring the Christian Faith

An Attribute of God

from this week's passage

Impartial

God saves people regardless of what they have done or will do. He saves people who have families in church and people who do not. He saves people who are rich and those who are poor. He saves people who are smart and those who are not smart. God always does what is right for every person and in every situation. There is nothing anyone can do to force God's hand or to put God in their debt. No one will be able to blame God for His judgments.

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A Basic Truth of the Christian Faith

Who is God?

God is the Creator and holds everyone and everything together.¹ He is holy² and does not change.³ He has no beginning and no end.⁴ He is perfect in love, goodness, wisdom, justice and truth. God is Spirit. Nothing happens except through Him and by His will.⁵

John 1:1-3¹; Isaiah 6:3²; Malachi 3:6³; Revelation 1:8⁴; Daniel 4:35⁵

Think About It

How do we know that God is real?

We can know God is real by using our eyes, minds and hearts. God made the world so when we look around us, even at our own body, we can see that nothing happened by accident. The planets, ocean and sky all testify that there is a Creator. Our bodies are so amazing. Our hearts beat and our eyes blink without us thinking about it. When we get hurt our skin forms a scab to heal. We can know God is real because all people, even those who do not believe in God, have a conscience. Deep down, all people everywhere know what is right and what is wrong.

Why should we think this God is the only true God?

We can know the only true God by how He speaks to us when we read the Bible. Even though we do not hear the sound, God made us to hear His voice deep within us, in our hearts. God causes us to know He is real by speaking to us personally when we read the Bible.

Who created God?

God is not a created being, like animals or people. God has no beginning or end. He created everything, including time, and stands before and beyond time. This is hard for us to understand because everything else we know about has a beginning. God has always existed and always will exist (Genesis 1:1; 1 Corinthians 2:7).

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