

Genesis 26:23–25 *God's Great Faithfulness*

Main idea: In God's great work of redemption, He shows the same great faithfulness in the little details of all of His people's lives.

²³Then he went up from there to Beersheba. ²⁴And 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." ²⁵So 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.

Introduction

Public worship and digging wells.

1. God's Personal Faithfulness
 - a. He reveals Himself. At His time, in His way. How much more when we have the holy convocation on the Sabbath, and the tabernacle, and the temple... all building to that Sabbath-keeping that remains for the church. Do not envy or imagine personal appearances or revelations... "In these last days He has spoken to us by His Son"!!!
 - b. Especially by His Word. Especially that final Word (Christ), and His speaking (the completed Bible, the preaching of Christ from heaven).
2. God's Covenant Faithfulness
 - a. He binds Himself to people. To Abraham. To Isaac.
 - b. He binds Himself to families. To Abraham *and his descendants*. To Isaac *and his descendants*.
 - c. He binds Himself for His Servant's sake. If v24 is true for Abraham's sake, how much more for the sake of Christ!
 - d. He binds Himself forever. God is God of the living, not the dead (cf. Mt 22:31–32).
3. God's Detailed/Daily Faithfulness
 - a. Eternal blessing with earthly benefit. Not just every good, but the assurance that it is all ultimately good. Even our afflictions work for our good. How much more, knowing that He has not spared His own Son!
 - b. God Himself is His best gift. How much more for those who enjoy union with Christ and the indwelling of the Spirit!
 - c. To which we respond with both a continual life of worship and the public worship from which it flows. How much more, when that public worship is led not by Isaac but by the ascended Christ, and not in Beersheba but in glory!

Conclusion

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