

## KEYS TO RELEASING GOD'S BLESSING

Gen. 26:12 ¶ Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

Gen. 26:13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

### I. VS 12 "**LORD blessed him.**"

A. Look at the results of God's blessings upon Isaac's life:

1. "The man waxed great"
2. "went forward"
3. "Grew until he became very great"

Isaac had revelation of how to release the blessings of God upon his life:

1. We may understand that God's blessings:
  - a. Prov. 10:22 "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it".
2. Also we see in the scripture that God has provided the means by which all may partake of His blessings through Jesus Christ:
  - a. Eph. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."
3. The questions is How do we release God's blessings into our life?
  - a. It says in Psa. 50:10 "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills".
    - (1) But, how do we get those cattle off of the hill and into our freezer?

B. Isaac's life reveals to us keys for releasing the blessing of God into our life. we see two keys in vs 13

1. "The man waxed great, and went forward"
  - a. **Key #1 "Went Forward"**
    - (1) Isaac went forward in life, he went forward in His walk with God
    - (2) He did not regress and take backward steps in his:
      - (a) life
      - (b) decision he made
      - (c) and in his relationship with God
        - (1) He learned to be faithful and consistent, especially in his walk

with God

2. vs 13 **Key #2** “**grew until he became very great:**”

a. Isaac **GREW**

(1) Have you stopped growing

(a) in your walk & relationship with God

(1) 2Pet. 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

(b) have you quit growing in learning & studies: both spiritual & natural

(c) are you still on the same plain, same plateau for many years

(1) In your knowledge of The Word of God

(2) applying wisdom to your knowledge

(3) reading, learning, studying in the vital areas of life

(a) relationship, finances, area of career

3. The Apostle Paul reveals how he developed and matured in life ministry and walk with God in:

a. 1Cor. 13:11 “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things”.

(1) Many times our level of development and maturity will determine the degree of blessings released into our life:

II. **Key #3** for releasing the Blessings of God upon our life:

Gen. 26:12 ¶ Then **Isaac sowed in that land**, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

A. “**Isaac sowed**”

1. Everyone wants to reap a one hundredfold blessing like Isaac did

a. But, in order to do so we must learn to become sowers ... learn to become givers like Isaac

B. The first area of sowing must start with:

1. **Giving your heart**, giving your life to Jesus

a. Repenting of your sin, becoming Born Again

2. **Sowing your will** ... surrendering your will to:

a. God’s will for your life and plan for your life

- (1) Jesus is the ultimate example of this as seen in the Garden of Gethsemane, as He prayed a prayer of surrender:
  - (a) Luke 22:42 “Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done”.
  - b. yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit
  - c. yield to the truth’s and principles of the Word of God
- 3. and the sowing of your **finances**: faithfully sowing your tithes and offerings
  - a. We cannot be blessed if we are living under a curse due to not faithfully, consistently sowing our tithes and offerings
    - (1) Mal. 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
      - (a) We are the ones who determine if heavens windows are open or closed in our life, based upon our faithfulness to our sowing of tithes and offerings
        - (1) God does not need your money, and He does not want our tips
        - (2) But God does need a seed sown: tithe, offering in order to keep heavens windows open over our life & continually pour out His blessings upon us
- 4. Learning to be a sower has nothing to do with our circumstances or financial state:
  - a. Gen. 26:1 ¶ And there was a **famine in the land**, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.
    - (1) There was a famine in the land, so everyone but Isaac did not sow they withheld their seed from being sown, planted:
      - (a) We cannot have a harvest without a seed being planted:
        - (1) Jesus said: John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
        - (2) In the midst of a famine, in the midst of a drought, in the midst of negative circumstances, in the midst of country natural conditions:
          - (a) Gen. 26:12 ¶ Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him

- (1) "In the same year" .... in the same year of the drought
- (2) Isaac sowed and received "an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him"

III. **Key #4** Seen in Isaac's life that released the blessings of God upon him:

Gen. 26:15 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.

Gen. 26:16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

Gen. 26:17 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

Gen. 26:18 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.

Gen. 26:19 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

Gen. 26:20 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.

Gen. 26:21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah.

Gen. 26:22 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.

Gen. 26:23 And he went up from thence to Beersheba.

Gen. 26:24 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.

Gen. 26:25 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.

A. Key #4 is **PERSISTENCE**:

1. The **Philistines** in the passage of scripture are a type and shadow of **demonic powers that war against us**
2. **The WELL**

- a. is not just a picture of natural water, but a prophetic picture of **LIVING WATERS**
- 3. Just as the Philistines stopped up Jacob's well
  - a. The devil will try to stop up our spiritual wells in attempt to rob us of the Living Waters of the Holy Spirit & Blessings of God
- 4. Note: vs 15 **"the Philistines had stopped them, filled them with earth"**.
  - a. "EARTH" is a type and shadow of flesh .... earth, earthly, carnality
    - (1) We were made from dust / earth and at death ill return tidiest earth as stated in: according to Gen 3:19
      - (a) If we live a life after the flesh, we will provide the means by which the devil will stop up our spiritual wells
      - (b) that is why we are told to: "Walk in the Spirit
- B. Like Isaac we will face opposition and trials in our life and walk with God and encounter the enemy stopping up our spiritual wells ... our source of blessing:
  - 1. When Isaac encountered these things he did not give up and quit,
    - a. in fact Isaac faced this battle a number of times as seen is vs 15
      - (1) and Gen. 26:18 "for the Philistines had stopped them"
      - (2) and Gen. 26:20 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.
      - (3) and "Gen. 26:21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. 22 And he removed from thence,"
  - 2. But Isaac never gave u[p, he never quit, he remained persistent in pursuing his blessings:
    - a. vs 18: "Isaac digged again the wells of water"
    - b. vs 19 "And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.
    - c. vs 21 And they digged another well
    - d. vs 22 "digged another well;
      - (1) Isaac just kept digging
      - (2) and that is what we must do when we experience this type of spiritual warfare:

- (a) Just keep digging ... being a doer of The word
- (b) Just keep digging ... speaking the Word
- (c) just keep digging .... praying & praising
- (d) refuse to quit ... don't give up ... dig another well .... be persistent in pursuing your promises, destiny, vision, dream & blessings of God

#### IV. **Key #5** Isaac refused to be drawn into **QUARRELS:**

Gen 26:20 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**.

Gen. 26:21 And they digged another well, and **strove for that also**: and he called the name of it Sitnah.

##### A. **Def Esek:** strife

**Def Sitnah:** accusation, hostility

1. Isaac did not allow his life to become consumed with strife and accusations
  - a. Rather the bible says he would: (vs 22) "he removed from thence, and digged another well"
2. Don't fall for the tactic of the power of darkness of wasting your life, time, and energy be getting into strife:
  - a. rather: "removed from thence, and digged another well"
  - b. Our battle is not with people ..... it is against the powers of darkness:
    - (1) Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.
3. Gen 26: 20 "The herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen,"
  - a. **Def Gerar:** dragging away
    - (1) Be aware of the Gerar herdsman the devil attempts to send into your life
    - (2) who will attempt to drag you away from your blessing and destiny by keeping you caught up in strife

V. End result of these principles Isaac applied to his life is seen in:

A. vs 22 “that they (The Philistines .... powers of darkness) did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth because he said, “For now The Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land”

1. Isaac named the place: **Rehoboth: Def /** broad, spacious place  
(a) a spacious place, where there is room for you, your life, your vision, your dream

2. The results of coming to or Rehoboth:

a. Gen 26:22 “For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land”

(1) you come to a spacious place, where there is room for you, your life, your vision, your dream

VI. Altar Call:

A. Are you going forward in your walk with God

B. Are you continuing to grow and develop and mature spiritually and in all areas of life

C. Are you a Sower .... faithful with your tithes and offerings

1. Have you sowed your heart to Jesus

2. have you sowed your will in surrender to God

D. Have you developed Persistence and refuse to give up & quit

E. Have you fell for the devil’s trap of quarreling ... fighting with flesh & blood

F. Have you come to your Rehoboth, because you are applying these biblical keys to your life and experiencing the Blessings of God coming upon you