

Redigging Old Wells

TEXT: Gen. 26:12-18

INTRODUCTION:

- A. PATRIARCHAL PERIOD – LAND POSSESSED BY CANAANITES & PHILISTINES.
 - 1. Abraham a sojourner in the Negev – Southern Desert.
 - a. Little water, frequent moves to pasturage.
 - b. Hostile neighbors , hemmed in, moved a lot.
 - 2. Abraham dug wells wherever he went.
- B. PHILISTINES FEARED ISAAC – **PLUGGED WELLS TO RUN HIM OFF.**
 - 1. **Plugged well is useless.**
 - 2. Isaac re-dug wells and gave them the “old names.”
- C. **John 4:7-14.** JESUS OFFERS “**LIVING WATER**” WHEREBY WE NEVER THIRST.
 - 1. Same lesson – different analogy (**John 6:35**).
 - 2. Living water, “bread of life” identified (**John 6:63, 68**). **His Teaching.**
 - 3. Have men plugged the well today?

We Must Re-dig the Wells

I. **WHAT DO WE FIND IN THE WELL TODAY?**

- A. **AUTHORITY.**
 - 1. Creeds
 - 2. Tradition
 - 3. Human Rule.
- B. **THE CHURCH.**
 - 1. Denominations, sects, names
 - 2. Corrupt Organization
 - a. Pastors, b. institutions.
 - 3. Work of the Church.
 - a. Recreation, b. Entertainment
 - c. Social Gospel, d. Business
- C. **DOCTRINE.**
 - 1. Baptism
 - a. sprinkling & pouring
 - b. Infants c. Purpose,
 - 2. Calvinism.
 - a. Faith only,
 - b. once saved,
 - c. Original sin,
 - d. Predestination.

D. **WORSHIP**

II. **WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN THE WELL?**

- A. **AUTHORITY.**
 - 1. **2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 John 9**
 - 2. **Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22-23**
 - 3. **Matt. 15:6, 13-14.**
- B. **THE CHURCH.**
 - 1. **Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; 1 Cor. 1:10-12**
 - 2. **Col. 1:18; Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23**
 - 3. **1 Thess. 1:8; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Eph. 4:12.**
- C. **DOCTRINE.**
 - 1. **bapto, Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:36.**
 - 2. **Jas. 2:24; Gal. 5:6, 4; Ez. 18:20; Rev. 22:17.**

D. **WORSHIP.**

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| 1. Lord's Supper | 1. Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11. |
| 2. Instruments | 2. Eph. 5:19; 2 John 9 |
| 3. Emotionalism | 3. John 4:24. |
| E. SIN. | E. SIN. |
| 1. Worldliness | 1. 1 John 2:15-17; Rom. 12:1-2. |
| 2. Immorality (D&R). | 2. Gal. 5:19-21. |

CONCLUSION:

- A. ISAAC REACHED BACK TO REDIG OLD WELLS.
1. He found them full of **water AFTER he dug out the debris.**
 2. He gave them the old names.
- B. LET US REDIG THE OLD WELLS – **GO BACK TO THE BIBLE!**
1. We will find them full of **“Living Water.”**
 2. We can then use the “Old Name.”