

House Church Series, Lesson 2

ISAAC'S FAMILY: BEARING GOD'S BLESSING BY FAITH

Genesis 25:19–28:9

Key Verses: 26:24–25

- Review briefly how God established Isaac and Rebekah's family for his redemptive work through the faith of Abraham and his servant (24:7,12,21). Note how Abraham left all his blessings to Isaac (25:5).
1. How could Isaac pray about his wife's barrenness for 20 years? (25:20a,26b; 25:21a; cf. 18:19; 21:2,6–7; 22:14) How did God answer? (21b) During her pregnancy, how did Rebekah express faith? (25:22) What did God reveal to her? (25:23) How was God disciplining this couple? What can house churches learn from their personal prayer?
 2. How did God help Isaac to have personal faith and inherit his father's spiritual blessing? (26:1–6) What decision did he make? How did God protect and bless him? (26:7–13) What can we learn about building a house church on God's direction and promises during a time of hardship?
 3. How did God's abundant blessings to Isaac affect the people around him? (26:14–16) What positive acts of faith did he engage in amidst a hostile social environment? (26:17–22) How could he do that? (26:3a,22b) How can we practice "yielding" and "well-digging" faith while facing opposition to the gospel in our time?
 4. When Isaac went up to Beersheba, how did God confirm his promises and plant a sense of history? (26:23–24) How did this help him have a deeper relationship with God? What is the significance of Isaac's building an altar and calling on God's name? (26:25) What can we learn here about God's ultimate desire for house churches?
 5. What spiritual victory did Isaac win over those who had persecuted him? (26:26–33; cf. Mt5:39–42,44–45a; Ro12:17–21) What can house churches learn here about winning spiritual victory and being a good influence on nonbelievers?
 6. How did God use Rebekah to help Isaac pass on his blessing to the right person? (cf. 25:23; 27:5–10,13,27:28–29; 28:1–4; Heb11:20) What can we learn from Isaac and Rebekah's lives of faith about how to bear God's blessing, not abuse it?