

Message Nine

Isaac—A Grace-Enjoying Life for God’s Good Pleasure

Scripture reading: Gen. 21:1-8, 25, 30-31, 33; 22:2, 5-10, 14; 24:2-9, 36, 51, 67; 25:5; 26:3-4; 12-33

- I. Isaac is a model, a pattern, of the enjoyment of God’s grace for God’s good pleasure—Gen. 24:36; 25:5; 26:3-4, 12-33; Rom. 5:1-2; Acts 4:33; 11:23; cf. John 1:16-17; 1Cor. 15:10; Gal. 2:20; 2Cor. 13:14; Eph. 1:6; 2:7; 2Cor. 12:9; Phil. 1:19-21a.**

- II. After Abraham’s natural strength and self-effort were dealt with by God, Isaac was born (Gen. 17:15-19; 18:10-14; 21:1-7); this implies that Isaac was born of grace, which is represented by Sarah (Gal. 4:23-28, 31; 1 Pet. 3:7).**

- III. Isaac was grown up in grace; to grow in grace is to grow in the enjoyment of all that Christ is to us as our spiritual food and living water—Gen. 21:8; 2 Pet. 3:18; 1 Pet. 2:2; 1 Cor. 3:2, 6; Eph. 3:8; 4:15:**

- IV. Isaac also became the heir in grace; we too are heirs of God, enjoying Him as the pledge of our inheritance for us to inherit Him and for Him to inherit us—Gen. 21:9-12; 24:36; 25:5; Rom. 8:17; Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:11, 14, 18:**

- V. Isaac’s well, the source of his living was in Beer-sheba; his source of living made him a burnt offering for God’s satisfaction and led him up to Mount Moriah, which eventually became Mount Zion, where God’s temple was built in Jerusalem—Gen. 21:25, 30-31, 33; 22:2; 2Chron. 3:1.**

- VI. Isaac obeyed in grace; whenever we obey in grace, we shall meet the provision of God—Gen. 22:2, 5-10, 14; John 1:17.**

- VII. Isaac received a hundredfold harvest, “and the man became rich and continued to grow richer until he became very rich”; our hearts need to be the**

good earth where Christ can bear fruit a hundredfold, and we need to be rich toward God, enjoying grace upon grace—Gen. 26:12-14; Luke 8:8, 15; 12:15-21; Eph. 3:8; John 1:16.

VIII. Although Isaac enjoyed God's unconditional grace, finding enjoyment and satisfaction (signified by a well) in every place that he went (Gen. 25:11; 26:15-25, 33), Beer-sheba was the unique place in which he experienced God's appearing, received His promise, built an altar, called on the name of the Lord, and pitched a tent as a testimony

IX. Isaac inherited the promise that God had given to his father concerning the good land and the unique seed, which is Christ, in whom all the nations of the earth will be blessed—26:3-5; Gal. 3:14, 16.

X. In Genesis 24, the marriage of Isaac with Rebekah is a type of Christ marrying the church—Gen. 24:2-9, 51, 67; John 3:29; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-32; Rev. 19:7-9; 21:2, 9-10.

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Reference Scripture Verses:

Gen. 21:1-8. 1 And Jehovah visited Sarah as he had said, and Jehovah did to Sarah as He had promised. 2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. 3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac. 4 And Abraham circumcised Isaac his son when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 And Abraham was a hundred years old when Isaac his son was born to him. 6 And Sarah said, God has made me laugh; everyone who hears will laugh with me. 7 And she said, Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age. 8 And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

Gen. 21:25 And Abraham confronted Abimelech concerning the well of water which Abimelech's servants had taken by force.

Gen. 21:30-31. 30 And he said, These seven ewe lambs you shall take from my hand, that it may be a witness for me that I dug this well. 31 Therefore he called that place Beer-sheba, because there the two of them swore an oath.

Gen. 21:33 And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba, and there he called on the name of Jehovah, the Eternal God.

Gen. 22:2 And He said, Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.

Gen. 22:5-10. 5 And Abraham said to his young men, Stay here with the donkey; and I and the boy will go over there, and we will worship and then return to you. 6 And Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked together. 7 And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, My father! And he said, Here I am, my son. And he said, The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? 8 And Abraham said, God Himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son. So the two of them walked on together. 9 And they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

Gen. 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh, as it is said to this day, On the mount of Jehovah it will be provided.

Gen. 24:2-9. 2 And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his house, who ruled over all that he had, Put your hand under my thigh; 3 And I will make you swear by Jehovah, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am dwelling. 4 But you shall go to my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac. 5 And the servant said to him, Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from where you came? 6 And Abraham said to him, Be certain not to take my son back there. 7 Jehovah, the God of

heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, To your seed I will give this land, He will send His angel before you; and you shall take a wife for my son from there. **8** And if the woman is not willing to follow you, you shall be free from this oath of mine; only you shall not take my son back there. **9** So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

Gen 24:36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master after she had become old. And he has given all that he has to him.

Gen. 24:51 Here is Rebekah before you: Take her, and go; and let her be the wife of your master's son, as Jehovah has spoken.

Gen. 24:67 And Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother. And he took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after the death of his mother.

Gen 25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

Gen. 26:3-4. 3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you; for to you and to your seed I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. **4** And I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and will give to your seed all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed,

Gen. 26:12-33. 12 And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. And Jehovah blessed him, **13** And the man became rich and continued to grow richer until he became very rich. **14** And he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him. **15** Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father the Philistines had stopped up and filled with earth. **16** And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we. **17** So Isaac went away from there and camped in the valley of Gerar and dwelt there. **18** And Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, and which the Philistines had stopped up after the death of Abraham; and he called them by the same names which his father had given them. **19** And Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of flowing water. **20** And the shepherds of Gerar strove with Isaac's shepherds, saying, The water is ours. So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. **21** And they dug another well; and they strove over that also, so he called the name of it Sitnah. **22** And he moved away from there and dug another well, but they did not strive over it, so he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, Now Jehovah has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land. **23** And he went up from there to Beer-sheba. **24** And Jehovah appeared to him the same night and said, I am the God of Abraham your father. Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and I will bless you and multiply your seed for My servant Abraham's sake. **25** And he built an altar there and called upon the name of Jehovah and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well. **26** And Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the captain of his army. **27** And Isaac said to them, Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you? **28** And they said, We see plainly that Jehovah is with you; so we say, Let there now be an oath between us, even between us and you, and let us make a covenant with you, **29** That you will not do us any harm, just as we have not touched you, and just as we have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of Jehovah. **30** And he made them a feast, and they ate

and drank. **31** And they rose up early in the morning and swore to one another. And Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. **32** And the same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well which they had dug and said to him, We have found water. **33** And he called it Shibah. Therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba to this day.

I.

Rom 5:1-2. **1** Therefore having been justified out of faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and boast because of the hope of the glory of God.

Acts 4:33 And with great power the apostles gave testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 11:23 Who, when he arrived and saw the grace of God, rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain with the Lord with purpose of heart;

John 1:16-17. **16** For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved;

Eph 2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

Phil 1:19-21a. **19** For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, **20** According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death. **21a** For to me, to live is Christ ...

II.

Gen 17:15-19. **15** And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but her name shall be Sarah. **16** And I will bless her, and I will also give you a son by her. Indeed, I will bless her, and she will be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come forth from her. **17** Then Abraham fell upon his face and laughed and said in his heart, Will a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child? **18** And Abraham said to God, Oh that Ishmael might live before You! **19** But

God said, No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him.

Gen 18:10-14. **14** And He said, I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and then Sarah your wife shall have a son. And Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind Him. **11** Now Abraham and Sarah were old and advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah according to the manner of women. **12** And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? **13** And Jehovah said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I indeed bear a child when I am old? **14** Is anything too marvelous for Jehovah? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Gal 4:23-28. **23** However the one of the maidservant was born according to the flesh, but the one of the free woman was born through promise. **24** These things are spoken allegorically, for these women are two covenants, one from Mount Sinai, bringing forth children unto slavery, which is Hagar. **25** Now this Hagar is Sinai the mountain in Arabia and corresponds to the Jerusalem which now is, for she is in slavery with her children. **26** But the Jerusalem above is free, which is our mother; **27** For it is written, "Rejoice, barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not travailing, because many are the children of her who is desolate rather than of her who has her husband." **28** But you, brothers, in the way Isaac was, are children of promise.

Gal 4:31 So then, brothers, we are not children of the maidservant but of the free woman.

1 Pet 3:7 Husbands, in like manner dwell together with them according to knowledge, as with the weaker, female vessel, assigning honor to them as also to fellow heirs of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

III.

2 Pet 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and unto the day of eternity. Amen.

1 Pet 2:2 As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation,

1 Cor 3:2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, for you were not yet able to receive it. But neither yet now are you able,

1 Cor 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.

Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

Eph 4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

IV.

Gen 21:9-12. **9** And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking. **10** So she said to Abraham, Cast out this maidservant and her son, for the son of this maidservant shall not inherit with my son Isaac. **11** And the matter displeased Abraham greatly on account of his son. **12** And God said to Abraham, Do not be displeased on account of the boy and on account of your maidservant. Whatever Sarah says to you, listen to her voice, for in Isaac shall your seed be called.

Gen 24:36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master after she had become old. And he has given all that he has to him.

Gen 25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

Rom 8:17 And if children, heirs also; on the one hand, heirs of God; on the other, joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him.

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

Eph 1:14 Who is the pledge of our inheritance unto the redemption of the acquired possession, to the praise of His glory.

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

V.

2Chron. 3:1 And Solomon began to build the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where He had appeared to David his father, at the place that David prepared, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

VI.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

VII.

Luke 8:8 And other *seed* fell into the good earth, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold. When He had said these things, He called out, He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Luke 8:15 But that which is in the good earth, these are those who in a noble and good heart hear the word and hold *it* fast and bear fruit with endurance.

Luke 12:15-21. **15** And He said to them, Watch and guard yourself from all covetousness, for no one's life is in the abundance of his possessions. **16** And He told them a parable, saying, The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundantly. **17** And he reasoned in himself, saying, What shall I do, for I have no *place* where I may gather my crops? **18** And he said, I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and I will gather there all my wheat and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; rest, eat, drink, be merry. **20** But God said to him, Foolish one, this night they are requiring your soul from you; and the things which you have prepared, whose will they be? **21** So is he who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

Eph. 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

John 1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

VIII.

Gen 25:11 And after the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac dwelt by Beer-lahai-roi.

IX.

Gal. 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles ^bin Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Gal. 3:16 But to Abraham were the promises spoken and to his seed. He does not say, "And to the seeds," as concerning many, but as concerning one: "And to your seed," who is Christ.

X.

John 3:29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices with joy because of the bridegroom's voice. This joy of mine therefore is made full.

2Cor. 11:2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present *you as* a pure virgin to Christ.

Eph. 5:25-32. **25** Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her **26** That He might sanctify her, cleansing *her* by the washing of the water in the word, **27** That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish. **28** In the same way the husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his own wife loves himself. **29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ also the church, **30** Because we are members of His Body. **31** For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh. **32** This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church.

Rev. 19:7-9. **7** Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. **8** And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints. **9** And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God.

Rev. 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev. 21:9-10. **9** And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb. **10** And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,