

**YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE**

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Call to Worship

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Opening Prayer

Rostered Pastor: Pastor Benjamin Chong

Scripture Text: Genesis 26:6-14

Message: "Began to Prosper"

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Closing Prayer

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**INTRODUCTION**

1. A study of "Prosperity"

2. Common understanding

a) Inherited wealth

i) Abraham's wealth

"Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold" Genesis 13:2

ii) Isaac's inheritance

"And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac" Genesis 25:5

b) Famine in the land

i) Abimelech

"Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines" Genesis 26:1

ii) Gerar

"So Isaac dwelt in Gerar" Genesis 26:6

**AN OLD PROBLEM**

1. A question raised

"The men of the place asked about his wife" Genesis 26:7a

2. The answer given

a) Deception

"She is my sister" Genesis 26:7b

b) Fear

"For he was afraid to say, 'She is my wife'" Genesis 26:7c

c) Negative thought

“Because he thought, ‘lest the men of the place kill me for Rebekah, because she is beautiful to behold’”

Genesis 26:7d

### **ABIMELECH’S INTERVIEW WITH ISAAC**

1. Isaac had dwelt in Gerar “for a long time”

Genesis 26:8a

2. Abimelech observed Isaac

“Showing endearment to Rebekah his wife”

Genesis 26:8b

3. Summoning Isaac

a) Observation aired

“Quite obviously she is your wife”

Genesis 26:9a

b) Query

“So how could you say, ‘She is my sister’?”

Genesis 26:9b

c) Isaac’s excuse

“Because I said, ‘Lest I die on account of her.’”

Genesis 26:9c

d) Reprimand of Isaac

i) “What is this you have done to us?”

Genesis 26:10a

ii) “One of the people might soon have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt on us”

Genesis 26:10b

4. Abimelech’s command to his people

a) “He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death”

Genesis 26:11

b) Abimelech showed he was “more righteous” than Isaac

### **ISAAC’S SOJOURN IN GERAR**

1. Sowing

“Isaac sowed in that land” Genesis 26:12a

2. Reaping

“And reaped in the same year  
a hundredfold” Genesis 26:12b

3. Reason

“And the LORD blessed him” Genesis 26:12c

**AN ANALYSIS OF ISAAC’S SUCCESS**

1. After his rebuke from Abimelech

a) God cannot bless a deceitful person

b) A new start

2. God began to bless

a) Sowing

b) Reaping

c) Increase

**BEGINNING OF PROSPERITY**

1. A description of his growing wealth

a) “The man began to prosper” Genesis 26:13a

b) “And continued prospering” Genesis 26:13b

c) “Until he became very prosperous” Genesis 26:13c

2. A second description of Isaac’s wealth

a) “He had possessions of flocks” Genesis 26:14a

b) “And possessions of herds” Genesis 26:14b

c) “And a great number of servants” Genesis 26:14c

d) “So the Philistines envied him” Genesis 26:14d

## **THE SECRET OF ISAAC'S WEALTH**

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. <sup>3</sup>Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. <sup>4</sup>And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; <sup>5</sup>because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

Genesis 26:2-5

1. The Promise of the Lord
2. The Power of God
3. Fulfilment of His word of promise

### **CONCLUSION**

1. To recognize:
  - a) Our sinful tendencies
  - b) Our fears
2. To rebuke:
  - a) Our hearts
  - b) Our sinful ways
3. To return:
  - a) To God
  - b) To obey