

# Have You Dug Your Well Yet?

## Gen. 26:12-22 “WE HAVE FOUND WATER” Gen. 26:32

Intro: The people of God know much about water (Jn 4:13-14; 7:37-39; 15:3; Eph. 5:26-27) but the wicked philistines plug them, unconcerned that it is to their sad loss. Rev. 22:17.

1. Re-dug his father's wells: he knew it worked for his dad and mom: named the same. Strange how church people try to rename the old time religion and by so doing they plug their water supply. Gen. 26:15.
2. He dug his own wells. We cannot live off religion of our forefathers. We must develop our own Biblical convictions, but learn from the past. Ro. 15:4

### I. THE WELLS OF COMMITMENT. Gen. 26:18

- A. Facts faced about these wells.
  1. Knew there was water. Acts 17:11.
  2. Easier than digging new wells.
  3. Brought back good childhood memories. Eccl. 12:1
- B. Faith forged on with these wells. Ro. 4:20-21.
  1. Gave encouragement in Christian faith.
  2. Gave enjoyment of Christian faith.

### II. THE WELLS OF CONTENTION. Gen. 26:19-21

- A. The well “ESEK”: strife. Gen. 26:20.
  1. Strife will cross your path: he left it. Gen. 13:7, 10; Pr. 13:10; 28:25.
  2. Strife must be dispelled: he kept digging. Too busy to fuss, feud, fight.
- B. The well “SITNAH”: enmity. Gen. 26:21.
  1. Well of the world; cannot long drink there. Jn. 15:18
  2. Well to be withdrawn from not drawn from. II Cor. 17:18; Gen 26:22 (“He removed from thence”)
    - a. Will have to go through certain experiences.
    - b. Will need to remove from certain excavations.

### III. THE WELL OF CONTENTMENT. Gen 26:22.

- A. Peaceful place where philistines won't come. Gen. 26:15; Jn. 14:27.
  1. Peace with God. Ro. 5:1.
  2. Peace of God. Phil. 4:6-7
- B. Productive place where problems won't ruin. Gen. 26:22; Jn 15:16
  1. Where fruitfulness was experienced.
  2. Where fellowship was experienced. Gen. 26:24.
    - a. Are you living on religion of ancestors? Gen. 26:18.
    - b. Are you living on religion of averages? Gen. 26:20-21.
    - c. Are you living on religion that is anchored?
      1. In commitment. Heb. 13:5.
      2. In contentment. Phil. 4:11.