

“Isaac – A Wise, Master Builder”

The impact of Isaac’s life:

- Isaac was the “Child of Promise”
 - Upon his deathbed, Isaac set apart the future of Israel
 - He is listed in Hebrews 11 among the “Champions of Faith”
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- Genesis 26:1-6 NLT
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- Genesis 26:12-25 NLT
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Isaac built three structures, which are symbolic of spiritual needs for anyone who desires to live a life of faith.

Genesis 26:25 - So (Isaac) built AN ALTAR there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and he pitched HIS TENT there: and there Isaac’s servants dug A WELL.

An ALTAR is a reflection of DEDICATION.

- The Lord tested the dedication of Isaac’s father, Abraham, by sacrificing his own son.
 - An altar is where you make your sacrifices to God.
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Romans 12:1 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Thoughts for personal reflection:

- What is God asking you to place upon an altar?
 - Have you offered yourself as a sacrifice to God?
 - Have you re-affirmed that dedication to the Lord recently?
 - It needs to be done often in our lives. The call of ROMANS 12:1 is for us to have lives characterized as “LIVING sacrifices” to Him.
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We should always want to stay close to the presence and the direction of God! If God is speaking, this is where we want to be!

A TENT speaks of SEPARATION – from the things of this world.

- As BELIEVERS, we are PASSING THROUGH this world. In order to PASS THROUGH, we must remain SEPARATED/DETACHED from this world and all that it holds dear.
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“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Matthew 6:33 NKJV

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

“The world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

1 John 2:15 & 17

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A WELL is a reflection of DEPENDENCE.

Just like water was the sustaining source of life for Isaac, the WORD of GOD has to be the source that sustains our life.

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

Matthew 4:4

The Bible describes a person who reads and meditates upon the Word of God as: “... *a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth it’s fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper*”. (PSALM 1:3)

Are these characteristics present in your life today?

- Have you built an ALTAR? Are you maintaining that altar — daily renewing your DEDICATION to the Lord, consecrating your heart to Him alone?
- Have you pitched a TENT? In your heart of hearts are you SEPARATED from the things of this world?
- Have you dug a well? Are DEPENDENT upon the Word of God as your source? Are you continuing to dig for the water of life?