

The Promise Continues > Genesis 26:1-35

26:1-5 God's promises have not failed with the death of Abraham. Instead, as we see here, God Himself will carry forward the promises that He first made to Abraham, and sustain them through a line of Abraham's descendants.

26:6-16 God's promises have been spelled out, now we see them highlighted: both in spite of Isaac's distrust (where God's grace is still on full display) as well as upon Isaac's efforts at living in a foreign land.

26:17-35 Lastly, we see God's promises not just in a theoretical form, but practically as well. In spite of hardship and quarrels, God will establish and preserve Isaac not only physically (written of in this chapter), but ultimately also as part of God's plan for a people, a place, and protection.

Context: In the story of Genesis, we have seen how God has promised a Redeemer (3:15), and that this Redeemer will ultimately come through the line promised to Abraham (chapters 12 and 15). Isaac is the chosen branch of Abraham's family tree whom God will keep His promises through.

Aim: God's promises last longer than any human generation – what He has said, He will uphold.

Gospel: God blesses Isaac even in spite of himself, and through no merit of Isaac's own. It is the same with us. We are given grace we don't deserve by Jesus our Savior.

Applications: How will taking God at His word change what you struggle with? How does seeing His faithfulness help you? How can you encourage others with these truths?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
