

Re-digging The Wells.

Genesis 26:12-19 ¹² Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. ¹³ The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; ¹⁴ for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵ Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth. ¹⁶ And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we." ¹⁷ Then Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. ¹⁸ And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them. ¹⁹ Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there.

Re-digging the wells is an issue\ picture of reclaiming dominion where dominion has been lost \blocked. Many times we have heard\ been told we must take dominion.

I. The Strategy To Block The Well.

A. The Blocking of wells was a war strategy\ Or one could say the Result of Conflict. *VS 12-15.* ¹² Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. ¹³ The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; ¹⁴ for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵ Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth.

1. So we obviously know we have an enemy from without that seeks to block up the wells.
 - a. We know that the Philistines were the enemies of God and that blocking up the well was to cut off supply lines.
 2. This happens in ministry the enemy comes in and desires to block the blessing that God wants you to have.

B. It's interesting to note that the enemy came in once he saw that they were being blessed. *VS. 19.* ¹⁹ ¹² Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. ¹³ The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; ¹⁴ for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵ Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth.

1. The devil doesn't fear the Friday night announcement\ outreach announcement.
 - a. Often he waits till were out there lets us gain some traction then tries to stop it.
2. The most common way the wells were blocked in these times were either with rocks\ boulders, earth\sand, or they would drop rotting carcasses of animals to poison the water.
 - a. **Rocks.** Picture of the hard work that is involved in ministry. Often that's all we see
 - b. **Sand.** This is the strategy for us to feel like were not making any head way being stagnate. Its like quicksand.
 - c. **Dead rotting carcasses.** Seeing our fruit die, struggles with finances; personal\with the church, Assault against our marriage. The enemy can sometimes make us feel like were dying out there

II. Re-Digging The Wells.

A. The re-digging of the wells is a picture of reclaiming\ reestablishing dominion, were perhaps the enemy has blocked it. *VS 18.* ¹⁸ And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them.

1. Taking Dominion Means that we rule here. This is what he was doing in the face of the enemy.
2. It wasn't automatic Isaac had to move into action. Wells will not be re-dug on their own.
 - a. It was in remembering the dominion the fathers had established and reclaiming what the enemy had tried to block. *Joel 2:23* ²³ Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you-- The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.
3. The Promise of the latter rain signifies that God will pour our blessing where do you think the water for the wells comes from? The rain but it will do us no good if the wells aren't opened up

B. When Isaac began to re-dig this inspired other to do the same. *VS 19* ¹⁹ Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there.

1. When we move into action others will too god wants to return us to his Glory and bless our lives and remember that the well of our church needs to be maintained fought for and if need be re-dug then and only then will we see his Blessing poured out.

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