

# Redigging Old Wells

**TEXT: Gen. 26:12-18**

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. PATRIARCHAL PERIOD – LAND POSSESSED BY CANAANITES & PHILISTINES.
  - 1. Abraham a sojourner in the Negev – Southern Desert.
    - a. Little water, frequent moves to pasturage.
    - b. Hostile neighbors , hemmed in, moved a lot.
  - 2. Abraham dug wells wherever he went.
- B. PHILISTINES FEARED ISAAC – **PLUGGED WELLS TO RUN HIM OFF.**
  - 1. **Plugged well is useless.**
  - 2. Isaac re-dug wells and gave them the “old names.”
- C. **John 4:7-14.** JESUS OFFERS **“LIVING WATER”** WHEREBY WE NEVER THIRST.
  - 1. Same lesson – different analogy (**John 6:35**).
  - 2. Living water, “bread of life” identified (**John 6:63, 68**). **His Teaching.**
  - 3. Have men plugged the well today?

## We Must Re-dig the Wells

### I. WHAT DO WE FIND IN THE WELL TODAY?

- A. **AUTHORITY.**
  - 1. Creeds
  - 2. Tradition
  - 3. Human Rule.
- B. **THE CHURCH.**
  - 1. Denominations, sects, names
  - 2. Corrupt Organization
    - a. Pastors, b. institutions.
  - 3. Work of the Church.
    - a. Recreation, b. Entertainment
    - c. Social Gospel, d. Business
- C. **DOCTRINE.**
  - 1. Baptism
    - a. sprinkling & pouring
    - b. Infants c. Purpose,
  - 2. Calvinism
    - a. Faith only,
    - b. once saved,
    - c. Original sin,
    - d. Predestination.
- D. **WORSHIP**
  - 1. Lord’s Supper
  - 2. Instruments
  - 3. Emotionalism
- E. **SIN.**
  - 1. Worldliness
  - 2. Immorality (D&R).

### II. WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR IN THE WELL?

- A. **AUTHORITY.**
  - 1. **2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 John 9**
  - 2. **Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22-23**
  - 3. **Matt. 15:6, 13-14.**
- B. **THE CHURCH.**
  - 1. **Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; 1 Cor. 1:10-12**
  - 2. **Col. 1:18; Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23**
  - 3. **1 Thess. 1:8; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Eph. 4:12.**
- C. **DOCTRINE.**
  - 1. **bapto, Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:36.**
  - 2. **Jas. 2:24; Gal. 5:6, 4; Ez 18:20; Rev. 22:17.**
- D. **WORSHIP.**
  - 1. **Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11.**
  - 2. **Eph. 5:19; 2 John 9**
  - 3. **John 4:24.**
- E. **SIN.**
  - 1. **1 John 2:15-17; Rom. 12:1-2.**
  - 2. **Gal. 5:19-21.**

## CONCLUSION:

- A. ISAAC REACHED BACK TO REDIG OLD WELLS.
  - 1. He found them full of **water AFTER he dug out the debris.**
  - 2. He gave them the old names.
- B. LET US REDIG THE OLD WELLS – **GO BACK TO THE BIBLE!**
  - 1. We will find them full of **“Living Water.”**
  - 2. We can then use the “Old Name.”