

THE SOVEREIGN HAND OF GOD

Introduction: The sovereignty and foreknowledge of God work together. By His sovereign decree He commands sinners to seek Him when He is near (Isa 55:6). By His foreknowledge He knows those who will obey Him and He elects them (1 Pet 1:2). This explains why He chose Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who were far from perfect, to be the forefathers of His people.

Lesson Aim: Even though you are not perfect, seek to be like Christ, and God will bless you.

Rom 8:29-30 - Whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:

I. Isaac Receiving the Covenant - Gen 25:1-34

1. How many sons did Abraham have by Keturah? 25:2
2. What did he give to Isaac? 25:5
3. Name two things that he did with these sons and grandsons? 25:6
4. How old was Isaac when Abraham died? 25:7; cf 17:17
5. How old was Isaac when he married Rebekah? 25:20
6. How old was Isaac when twins were born to Isaac and Rebekah? 25:26
7. What did the LORD tell Rebekah about her twins before they were born? 25:23

There were _____ in her womb.

There were _____ in her womb; the _____ would be _____ than the other.

The _____ would serve the _____.

8. The name of the older son was _____ and the younger son was _____ 25:25-26.
9. What division existed in the family? 25:28
10. How did the younger son get the birthright from his brother? 25:29-34

II. Isaac Retaining the Covenant - Gen 26:1-35

11. What did the LORD tell Isaac to do to keep the blessing of the covenant? 26: 1-4
12. How did Isaac sin like his father? 26:6-7
13. How did the LORD protect Rebekah from the Philistines? 26:8-11
14. Why did the Philistines envy Isaac? 26:12-14
15. How did the Philistines drive Isaac out of their land? 26:15-21
16. How did the LORD encourage Isaac? 26:22-24
17. What did Isaac do when the LORD appeared to him? 26:25
18. How old was Isaac when Esau married two Hittite women that grieved him and Rebekah? 26:34-35

III. Isaac Releasing the Covenant - Gen 27: 1-46

19. How did Isaac sin against God and Jacob in his attempt to bless Esau? 27:1-4, 29; cf 25:23, 33-34
20. How did Rebekah sin against God and her husband? 27:6-17
21. How did Jacob sin against God and his father? 27:18-24
22. What did Esau plan to do to Jacob after his father died? 27:41
23. What did Rebekah tell Jacob? 27:42-45
24. What did Rebekah tell Isaac? 27:46