

We need to build on the exploits of our fathers in the faith. The modern church appears to want to forget its roots and throw out all that has gone before. This is not God's way. He told the children of Israel to be constantly in remembrance of their deliverance and to speak of this to their children often.

Deuteronomy 4:9 (NKJV)

⁹ "Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,

Anything left untended falls into disrepair. Tares Matt 13: 24-30, Talents Matt 25: 15-28 (Heb 5:14 by reason of use) principle. The Devil will never miss an opportunity to try and ruin something God has done or His children have built as led by the Holy Spirit.

The first 11 verses here are not part of this message shared today but are read as background, as are v34 & v35.

Genesis 26:1-35 (NKJV)

¹ There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.

² Then the LORD appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.

³ Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.

⁴ And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

⁵ because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

⁶ So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.

⁷ And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, "She *is* my sister"; for he was afraid to say, "*She is* my wife," because he thought, "lest the men of the place kill me for Rebekah, because she *is* beautiful to behold."

⁸ Now it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through a window, and saw, and there was Isaac, showing endearment to Rebekah his wife.

⁹ Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Quite obviously she *is* your wife; so how could you say, 'She *is* my sister'?" And Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die on account of her.' "

¹⁰ And Abimelech said, "What *is* this you have done to us? One of the people might soon have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt on us."

¹¹ So Abimelech charged all *his* people, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

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.

²⁰ But the **herdsmen of Gerar quarreled** with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water *is* ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they quarreled with him.

²¹ Then **they dug another well, and they quarreled over that *one*** also. So he called its name Sitnah.

²² And he **moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it**. So he called its name Rehoboth, because he said, "**For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.**"

²³ Then **he went** up from there to **Beersheba**.

²⁴ And **the LORD appeared to him** the same night and said, "I *am* the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I *am* with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake."

²⁵ So **he built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD**, and he pitched his tent there; and **there Isaac's servants dug a well**.

²⁶ Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath, one of his friends, and Phichol the commander of his army.

²⁷ And Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?"

²⁸ But they said, "**We have certainly seen that the LORD is with you**. So we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you,

²⁹ that you will do us no harm, since we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing to you but good and have sent you away in peace. You *are* now the blessed of the LORD.' "

³⁰ So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.

³¹ Then they arose early in the morning and swore an oath with one another; and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

³² It came to pass the **same day that Isaac's servants came** and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, "**We have found water.**"

³³ So he called it **Shebah**. Therefore the name of the city *is* Beersheba to this day.

³⁴ **When Esau was forty years old, he took as wives** Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

³⁵ And **they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah**.

Hebrews 6:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

³ And this we will do if God permits.

1 Corinthians 3:6-15 (NKJV)

⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward.

¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Jude 1:20-25 (NKJV)

²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

²² And on some have compassion, making a distinction;

²³ but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

²⁵ To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, *Be* glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

Romans 15:20-21 (NKJV)

²⁰ And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,

²¹ but as it is written: "*To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand.*"

Luke 6:46-49 (NKJV)

⁴⁶ "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?"

⁴⁷ Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:

⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

⁴⁹ But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

Matthew 16:18 (AMP)

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, *Petros*—a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, *petra*—a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].

Ephesians 2:19-22 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner *stone*,

²¹ in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.