



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 25:1-26 (NAS)

Topic: "The Extent of God's Sovereignty"

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- 1 Now Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah.
- 2 She bore to him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah.
- 3 Jokshan became the father of Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim and Letushim and Leummim.
- 4 The sons of Midian were Ephah and Epher and Hanoch and Abida and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.
- 5 Now Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac;
- 6 but to the sons of his concubines, Abraham gave gifts while he was still living, and sent them away from his son Isaac eastward, to the land of the east.
- 7 These are all the years of Abraham's life that he lived, one hundred and seventy-five years.
- 8 Abraham breathed his last and died in a ripe old age, an old man and satisfied with life; and he was gathered to his people.
- 9 Then his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, facing Mamre,
- 10 the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth; there Abraham was buried with Sarah his wife.
- 11 It came about after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac lived by Beer-lahai-roi.
- 12 Now these are the records of the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maid, bore to Abraham;
- 13 and these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael, and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam
- 14 and Mishma and Dumah and Massa,
- 15 Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah.
- 16 These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages, and by their camps; twelve princes according to their tribes.
- 17 These are the years of the life of Ishmael, one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.
- 18 They settled from Havilah to Shur which is east of Egypt as one goes toward Assyria; he settled in defiance of all his relatives.
- 19 Now these are the records of the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham became the father of Isaac;
- 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.
- 21 Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived.
- 22 But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is so, why then am I this way?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.
- 23 The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb; And two peoples will be separated from your body; And one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger."
- 24 When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.
- 25 Now the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they named him Esau.
- 26 Afterward his brother came forth with his hand holding on to Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob; and Isaac was sixty years old when she gave birth to them.

### I. GOD'S CONTROL

- A. There Are Areas Where We Welcome It
- B. There Are Areas Where We Question It
- C. God Chooses His People *Ephesians 1:11, 1:3-6; Romans 9:10-13*

### II. GOD'S PROMISES STAND

- A. Abraham Became The Father Of Many Nations
- B. Ishmael's Sons Listed As Proof Of God's Promise *Genesis 17:18-20*
- C. Isaac Was The Son Of Promise
- D. God's Provision Of A Son For Isaac In Keeping With The Promise

### III. GOD'S CHOICES

- A. They Do Not Follow Human Expectations
  1. He choose unfertile parents
  2. He choose the second son, weaker son
- B. They Are Designed For His Glory *1 Corinthians 1:27*
- C. God's Principles Of Operation Are Based on Grace Not Merit
- D. They Are The Basis Of Our Assurance Of Salvation *John 10:28*

### IV. RESPONSE TO GOD'S CHOICE

- A. We Must See His Purpose And His Will *Matthew 6:33*
- B. It Is Not Necessarily An Easy Path *James 1:2*
- C. The Faithful Response Is Blessed *Genesis 25:8*