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“Famine Findings”

Isaac (Part 2)

*“The LORD knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will remain forever;
they are not put to shame in evil times; in the days of famine they have abundance.*

(Psalm 37:18-19)

Exposing Pseudo-Securities

Genesis 26:1-5 – (1) “Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. (2) And the LORD appeared to him and said, ‘Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. (3) Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. (4) I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring 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.”

“Thus says the LORD: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?’” (Jeremiah 17:5-9)

Exposure of Generational ‘Junk Data’

Genesis 26:6-11 – (6) “So Isaac settled in Gerar. (7) When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, ‘She is my sister,’ for he feared to say, ‘My wife,’ thinking, ‘lest the men of the place should kill me because of Rebekah,’ because she was attractive in appearance. (8) When he had been there a long time, Abimelech

king of the Philistines looked out of a window and saw Isaac laughing with Rebekah his wife. (9) So Abimelech called Isaac and said, ‘Behold, she is your wife. How then could you say, ‘She is my sister’? Isaac said to him, ‘Because I thought, ‘Lest I die because of her.’ (10) Abimelech said, ‘What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.’ (11) So Abimelech warned all the people, saying, ‘Whoever touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.’”

“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.” (Ephesians 4:25 NIV)

What Famine Reveals, God Desires to Heal

Takeaways:

- (1) If God does not keep me, nothing else or no one else can. I can trust God to protect me and provide for me.**
- (2) Be real. I do not have to live in fear in regards to the opinions of others and pretend to be someone I am not.**
- (3) When God allows times of leanness, He has good plans for me.**

Questions to Ponder:

- (1) What impacted me most from this messa**
- (2) Am I trusting in any human or material resource as a form of security**
- (3) What was the first thing God cleansed His church of? (Acts 5:1-10)**

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)