

# Promise and Deliverance Student Workbook

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Level 1

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# Preface

When S.G. De Graaf wrote his four-volume series, *Promise and Deliverance*, he showed educators how to teach Bible stories from a redemptive-historical perspective. Rather than turning Bible stories into moralistic tales, De Graaf taught us how all the Bible shows God revealing himself as the God of the covenant, who is working out His redemptive plan for humanity and all of creation.

The 80 workbooks written by Harvey De Groot are meant to supplement De Graaf's work. They are divided by volume and level number: 20 volumes with four levels per volume. Workbook lessons are written at four levels so that families with students in various grades can study the same Bible stories during the week in preparation for their classes on Sunday. Prior to class, the Sunday School teacher should study the lesson in De Graaf's book. The teacher and students can go through the workbook during class.

The levels are divided according to the following grades:

- **Level One:** Grades K-1
- **Level Two:** Grades 2-3
- **Level Three:** Grades 4-6
- **Level Four:** Grades 7-8

Each volume contains 12 or 13 lessons, and each lesson has the following sections:

- **Reference:** The volume and lesson number in De Graaf's series.
- **Scripture:** The passage from Scripture on which the lesson is based.
- **Memory Verse:** A memory verse related to the lesson
- **Lesson Truth:** A short statement to help the class focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Lesson:** The lesson itself, which the teacher can read in class. For older grades, the teacher may opt to assign it as homework.
- **Questions:** Items to be discussed in class. For older grades, the teacher can assign these questions as homework but should also use them as a basis for class discussion. These are not the only questions that could or should be asked. Teachers should encourage students to come with their own questions as well.

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## God's Confidant

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 13

**Scripture:** Genesis 18

**Memory Verse:** "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?" (Genesis 18: 25b)

**Lesson Truth:** The Lord makes Abraham His special friend.

### Lesson

Do you know what a confidant is? A confidant is a special friend. Abraham was God's special friend. God's angels visited Abraham. The Angel of the Lord talked to Abraham.

Abraham was sitting in his tent. Three angels came to visit. They looked like men. Abraham washed their feet. He gave them food to eat. The Angel of the Lord talked to Abraham. He said, "Sarah shall have a baby." Sarah heard what they said. Sarah laughed to herself. Sarah said, "I am too old. I can not have a baby." The Angel asked, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Sarah's children will bless all the nations.

The angels looked at two cities. The cities were Sodom and Gomorrah. Sodom and Gomorrah were very wicked. The Lord said He would destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. The Lord told Abraham. The Lord wanted Abraham to warn his children. The Lord did not want to destroy Abraham. He did not want to destroy Abraham's children. The Redeemer was to come from Abraham.

Abraham talked to the Lord. He asked, "Will God destroy the good people with the bad people?" He asked, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Abraham asked, "If there are fifty good people will You destroy the city?" The Lord said, "If there are fifty good people, I will not destroy the city." Then Abraham asked "What if there only forty-five good people? Will You destroy the city?" The Lord gave Abraham a promise. He said He would not destroy the city if He found only ten good

people. The Lord told Abraham a secret. Abraham talked to the Lord. He asked The Lord to remember the good people in the city. Abraham was the Lord's special friend.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer*

1. Abraham was the Lord's (Special Friend – Enemy).
2. Abraham got water so the angels could wash their (feet – face).
3. (Hagar – Sarah) laughed when the Lord said she would have a child.
4. The Lord said He would destroy the city of (Sodom – Babel).
5. The Lord said He would not destroy the city if only (2 – 10) good people were found there.

## The Judge of All the Earth

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 14

**Scripture:** Genesis 19

**Memory Verse:** “Remember Lot’s wife” (Luke 17:32)

**Lesson Truth:** God was righteous when He destroyed Sodom and saved Lot.

### Lesson

Our story today is sad. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. Lot was saved. Lot’s wife was lost.

Two angels came to Sodom. They wanted to see how wicked Sodom was. Lot knew that Sodom was very wicked. Lot asked the angels to stay at his house. The angels said, “we will sleep in the street.” Lot was afraid for them. Lot asked them not to sleep in the street. The angels decided to stay with Lot.

The angels were still awake. The men of Sodom came to Lot’s house. The men of Sodom wanted the angels. The angels looked like men. Lot asked the men of Sodom not to hurt his guests. The men of Sodom refused to listen. They tried to force their way into Lot’s house. The angels pulled Lot into the house. The angels made the men of Sodom blind.

The angels said Sodom is very, very wicked. We will destroy Sodom. We will destroy Gomorrah. The angels told Lot to find his family. They told Lot to flee from Sodom with his family. Lot’s sons-in-law did not want to come. The angels took Lot by the hand. The angels took Lot’s wife by the hand. They took Lot’s two daughters by the hand. They led them from Sodom. They told them to run to the mountains. Lot asked if he could stay at Zoar.

Lot and his family were out of Sodom. God rained fire from heaven. God rained brimstone from heaven. God destroyed wicked Sodom. God

destroyed wicked Gomorrah. God saved Lot. Lot was Abraham's nephew. Lot was in the covenant God made with Abraham.

Lot's wife liked Sodom. She looked back at the fire. God turned her into a pillar of salt. Lot's wife was not a believer. Lot's two daughters were not believers. They each had a son. One son became the nation of Moab. The other son became the nation of Ammon. Moab and Ammon were wicked nations. They became the enemies of God's people.

God is a righteous God. God destroys wickedness. God saves righteous people. God saved Lot.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. Angels came to the city of (Sodom – Moab).
2. The men of Sodom were (righteous – wicked).
3. God rained (fire – hail) on Sodom and Gomorrah.
4. Lot's wife became a pillar of (stone – salt).
5. Lot was (saved – destroyed).

## The Protection of the Promised Seed

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 15

**Scripture:** Genesis 20

**Memory Verse:** “Saying, ‘Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm.’” (Psalm 105:15)

**Lesson Truth:** Because the Redeemer would come from Abraham and Sarah, God protected them.

### Lesson

God took care of Abraham and Sarah. Jesus was going to come from Abraham and Sarah. Abraham and Sarah were afraid. They did not trust God. They told the king of Gerar a lie. They said Sarah was Abraham’s sister. She really was Abraham’s wife. The king took Sarah away from Abraham.

God talked to the king in a dream. He told the king not to make Sarah his wife. God said the king would die if Sarah became his wife. God would not let a bad thing happen to Sarah. Sarah was going to be the great, great grandmother of Jesus. The king asked God what he should do. God told the king he must bring Sarah back to Abraham.

King Abimelech brought Sarah back to Abraham. The king did not know God. Abraham was God’s prophet. The king taught Abraham. He told Abraham you almost made me do a bad thing. You almost let me marry Sarah. God protected Sarah. The king brought a gift to Abraham. He gave sheep and oxen and servants to Abraham.

Abraham prayed for the king. God healed the king. God also healed the king’s wife. God healed the king’s servant girls.

God protects his children. God can give sickness to sinful kings. God keeps his promises. God promised that Abraham and Sarah would have a son. God protected Abraham and Sarah.

## Questions:

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. Abraham went to live at (Gerar – Sodom).
2. God talked to Abimelech (in the palace - in a dream).
3. God told the king (to bring Sarah back to Abraham – to make Sarah his wife).
4. The king brought gifts of sheep and oxen to (Gerar – Abraham).
5. (Abraham – Abimelech) prayed to God for the king.

## Divine Good Pleasure

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 16

**Scripture:** Genesis 21

**Memory Verse:** “Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.” (Galatians 4:28)

**Lesson Truth:** Isaac was the promised son, born to Abraham and Sarah, because of God’s good pleasure.

### Lesson

Ask your teacher what an heir is. We are going to learn about two boys. Both boys were sons of Abraham. One was the heir to God’s promise. The other one rejected God’s promise.

God promised that Abraham and Sarah would have a son. They would have a very special son. Through this son the Savior would come. This son was born just when God said he would be born. Abraham named his son Isaac. The name Isaac means laughter. Sarah said, “God made me laugh.” She laughed because she was so old. She was too old to have son. Abraham was also old.

Isaac grew strong. He no longer needed baby milk. Abraham made a feast for Isaac. At the feast Isaac’s half-brother made fun of him. Isaac’s half-brother’s name was Ishmael. Isaac’s mother was unhappy. She did not want Ishmael to make fun of Isaac. She asked Abraham to send Ishmael away. God told Abraham to listen to Sarah. Abraham sent Ishmael and his mother away. Ishmael’s mother was Hagar. They went into the wilderness.

Hagar and Ishmael wandered in the wilderness. They ran out of water. Hagar thought Ishmael would die. Hagar put Ishmael under a bush to die. God did not forget Ishmael. Ishmael was Abraham’s son. God heard Ishmael’s cry. God sent an angel to Hagar and Ishmael. God made it so Hagar could see a well. Hagar went to get water. Hagar gave Ishmael a

drink. Ishmael did not die. Ishmael became a great nation. Some of Ishmael's great, great grandchildren came to worship Jesus.

Abraham lived in the land of the Philistines. The king of that land was Abimelech. Abimelech talked to Abraham. He said, "God is with you in all that you do." Abimelech knew that God blessed Abraham. He wanted Abraham to be his friend. Abraham first wanted Abimelech to return his well. Abimelech gave back Abraham's well. He did this at Beersheba. Abraham planted a tree at Beersheba. Abraham prayed to the Lord at Beersheba. Abraham said the Lord is the Everlasting God.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. The promised son of Abraham and Sarah was (Isaac – Abimelech).
2. The son who made fun of Isaac was (Abimelech – Ishmael).
3. Ishmael's mother was (Hagar – Sarah).
4. Hagar and Ishmael wandered in the wilderness of (Beersheba – Philistia).
5. (Abraham – Ishmael) called on the Lord, the Everlasting God.

## On the Mount of the Lord

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 17

**Scripture:** Genesis 22

**Memory Verse:** “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” (Genesis 22:18)

**Lesson Truth:** The Angel of the Lord appeared to Abraham when he obeyed God on the mountain.

### Lesson

God promised Abraham and Sarah they would have a son. Abraham and Sarah were very old. God gave them a son as He promised. They named their son Isaac. They loved their son very much. God asked Abraham to do a very hard thing. God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac.

God told Abraham to go to the land of Moriah. God told Abraham to offer his son as a burnt offering. Did Abraham love God more than he loved Isaac? Would Abraham offer Isaac as a burnt offering? Abraham obeyed God. He took wood and fire for a burnt offering. He traveled to Moriah. Isaac asked Abraham, “Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide the lamb for the burnt offering.” Abraham trusted God.

Abraham made an altar. He put the wood on the altar. Abraham tied Isaac. Abraham took a knife. He was going to slay Isaac. Abraham loved God. He wanted to obey God. The Angel of the Lord called to Abraham. The Angel told Abraham not to slay Isaac. The Angel said, “Now I know that you fear God. You have not withheld your son from Me.” Abraham loved Isaac very much. He loved God more than Isaac.

God showed Abraham a ram. The ram was caught in a thicket. Abraham offered this ram as a burnt offering. He offered the ram in place of Isaac. God did provide the lamb for the burnt offering. Abraham told Isaac God would provide the lamb. Abraham trusted God.

God again blessed Abraham. God told Abraham he would have many grandchildren. God said they would be as many as the stars. God said they would be as many as the sand on the seashore. God said that Abraham's grandchildren would bless all the nations. He said they would be blessed because Abraham obeyed God.

Our Lord Jesus is the promised son of Abraham. All the nations are blessed through Jesus. Jesus made it possible for our sins to be forgiven. We must be thankful that God is always faithful. We must be thankful that Abraham obeyed God.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. God asked Abraham to sacrifice (Isaac – a lamb).
2. Abraham told Isaac that God would provide (the wood – the lamb) for the burnt offering.
3. Abraham tied (Isaac – a lamb) to be offered for a burnt offering.
4. (Sarah – The Angel of the Lord) called to Abraham not to slay Isaac.
5. The son of Abraham who would bless all the nations is (Isaac – Jesus).

## The Guarantee of the Inheritance

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 18

**Scripture:** Genesis 23

**Memory Verse:** “He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces.” (Isaiah 25:8a)

**Lesson Truth:** Abraham believed God’s promise. He knew his children would live in Canaan someday. He buried Sarah where his children would live.

### Lesson

It is sad to read that Sarah died. Sarah was Abraham’s loving wife. She was the mother of Isaac. She was the mother of the son promised by God. Abraham loved Sarah. Abraham cried when Sarah died. Abraham knew Sarah would rise from the dead. He knew Sarah was with the Lord. When we die we will be with the Lord. We will rise from the dead when Jesus comes.

Abraham wanted to bury Sarah. He wanted to bury Sarah on his own property. He asked the sons of Heth if he could buy their field. They knew Abraham was a mighty prince. They told Abraham he could bury Sarah in their burial place. Abraham did not want to use their burial place. He believed his children would live in Canaan some day. Abraham purchased a field and a cave from Ephron. He purchased the cave in the field of Machpelah. He paid four hundred shekels of silver for Machpelah. Abraham now had a place to bury Sarah. This was a sign that Abraham’s children would possess this land.

God gave Abraham silver and riches. God let Abraham buy a place to bury Sarah. God told Abraham his children would possess the land of Canaan. Abraham believed God. He believed his children would find his burial place. He believed they would find Sarah’s burial place.

We do not need to be afraid. We are not afraid when a loved one dies. We

are children of Abraham. We are Abraham's children because we believe his God. God will raise Sarah from the dead. God will raise our loved ones from the dead. God will raise us from the dead after we die. The story of Sarah's death is a wonderful story. It is wonderful because we know God takes care us even when we die.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. Abraham loved his wife (Sarah – Milcah).
2. Abraham wanted to buy (a burying place – a vineyard).
3. Abraham paid (500 shekels of gold – 400 shekels of silver) for a burying place.
4. Abraham purchased a field and cave from (Heth – Ephron).
5. The name of the field and cave Abraham purchased was ( Machpelah – Mamre).

## Loving God for His Own Sake

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 19

**Scripture:** Job 1

**Memory Verse:** “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” (Job 1: 21b)

**Lesson Truth:** God wants us to love Him because He is God, not only because He gives us blessings.

### Lesson

Job loved the Lord. He lived about the same time Abraham lived. God gave Abraham a special promise. God promised Abraham that the Redeemer would come from his children. God did not give Job a special promise. God loved Job very much. God’s Word says Job feared God and hated evil. Job loved God more than his children. Job loved God more than his possessions.

Job had a wonderful family. He had seven sons and three daughters. Job loved his sons and daughters. He prayed for them. He offered sacrifices for them. He did not want them to sin against God. Job was very rich. He had many oxen and donkeys. He had many sheep and camels. Job was the greatest man in the land.

The angels came into God’s presence one day. Satan came with the angels. God asked Satan if he noticed Job. God told Satan, Job was an upright man. He told Satan, Job fears God and hates evil. Wicked Satan made fun of Job. Satan said, Job loves God because God made him rich. God told Satan he could test Job. God told Satan he could take away all Job’s riches. Satan could find out what Job loved most. Did he love God the most? Did he love his possessions the most?

It was a sad day for Job. Job’s sons and daughters were feasting. Job’s servants were taking care of his animals. Messengers came to Job. One said, the Sabeans took all the oxen and donkeys. Another one said a fire

burned all the sheep. Another said the Chaldean's stole all the camels. Then came the worst message of all. A messenger said, a great wind blew down the house where your children were feasting. He said, your sons and daughters are dead. Job must have been very sad. He tore his robe. He cut off all his hair. He even fell down on the ground. Job worshiped God.

God knew Job loved Him. Satan knew Job loved God. Job loved God more than his possessions. All his possessions were taken away, but he did not sin. Job said, the Lord gave me everything. The Lord took everything away. He blessed the name of the Lord. Job had the Spirit of Jesus in his heart. You and I love the Lord Jesus. We have the Spirit of Jesus in our heart. We can win the victory when we are tested.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. The man from Uz who loved God was (Abraham – Job).
2. Job had (six – seven) sons and (three – two) daughters.
3. Job offered burnt offerings for his sons and (prayed – died) for them.
4. When all Job's possessions were taken away, he did not (cry – sin).
5. Job knew that (God – Satan) gave him all his possessions and that He took them away.

## The Lord's Involvement in Human Suffering

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 20

**Scripture:** Job 2–39

**Memory Verse:** “But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.” (Job 23:10)

**Lesson Truth:** Because we belong to Jesus, God is with us even when we suffer.

### Lesson

Do you know what suffering is? Many people in hospitals suffer. They suffer because they are sick. Some children suffer because they are hungry. Why do God's children sometimes suffer? The book of Job tells us about suffering. It tells us about Job's suffering. God loved Job very much. God allowed Job to suffer. God tested Job.

God allowed Satan to destroy all Job's wealth. Job's children all died. Job still loved God. Satan said Job would not love God if God made him suffer. God allowed Satan to give Job sores all over his body. Job still loved God. Job's wife turned against him. She said quit loving God, Job. Just forget God and die. Job did not forget God. He asked “shall we get good things from God and not evil?”

Job's three friends came. They wanted to comfort Job. They sat quietly with Job all week. They told Job that God punishes sin. They said Job must have been very bad. They said he lost his wealth and his children because he was bad. They said he had sores all over his body because he was bad. Job's friends made him suffer even more.

A fourth friend came to Job. He was Elihu. Elihu was a young man. He waited to speak because he was young. He first listened to the older men. Elihu helped Job to understand. Elihu said Job is suffering because God is testing him. He said Job is suffering because God wants to make him holy. Elihu was very wise. Job should have listened to Elihu.

God then talked to Job. God talked to Job from a whirlwind. God asked Job some very hard questions. God made Job see His majesty. God made Job see His power. Now Job knew God could do everything. Job knew God could allow His children to suffer. Job knew God loved him even when he suffered.

You and I are God's children. Sometimes we may suffer. We know that God loves us. God loves us even if we suffer.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. God told Satan that (Elihu – Job) was a man who fears God and shuns evil.
2. Job's (friend – wife) told him to forget God and die.
3. God allowed (Satan – Elihu) to put sores all over Job's body.
4. God allowed Job to suffer so He could (test – torment) him.
5. God talked to Job from a (storm – whirlwind).

## Sanctification unto Renewal

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 21

**Scripture:** Job 40–42

**Memory Verse:** “But He said, ‘The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.’” (Luke 18:27)

**Lesson Truth:** God prepares us to become new creatures in Christ, by allowing us to suffer in this life.

### Lesson

How can God make our hearts new? How can God make us ready to live with Him in heaven? Sometimes He does this by allowing us to suffer. God allowed Job to suffer. Job learned to listen to God. Job learned that God is Almighty. God helped Job become a more Godly man.

God talked to Job from a whirlwind. He asked if Job could correct God. Job then said he would be quiet. Job was not wise enough to correct God. Job had to know that God could do everything. God is all-powerful. God can give things to people. God can also take things away from people. God is Almighty.

Job became humble. He said, “I know that You can do everything.” God talked to Job. Job understood that God knows everything. He said he heard of God with his ears before. Now, he said my eyes see You. Job was sorry for his sin. He said he did not like his sins. Job was so sorry he had questioned God. Job sat in dust and ashes. Job was ready to listen to God. We must always be ready to listen to God.

God asked Job to pray for his friends. God was angry with Job’s friends. Job’s friends were wrong. They did not understand how God tests people. They did not understand that God tested Job. Job prayed for his friends. God heard Job’s prayer. God forgave Job’s friends. God forgave because Job had prayed for them. Job had the Spirit of Jesus in him. Job’s heart was full of love for God. Job wanted his friends to be saved.

Job won a great victory. God told Satan that Job loved Him. Job did not love God only because he was rich. Job loved God because He is God.

God gave Job more riches than before. God gave him twice as many cattle and sheep. God gave Job seven new sons and three new daughters. After Job's suffering he loved God more than before. God blessed Job with His full blessing. We will some day enjoy God's full blessing. Jesus will come again. He will bless us with his full blessing.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. God said to (Job – Eliphaz) can anyone correct God.
2. Job was sorry for his sin he sat in dust and (leaves – ashes).
3. Job was sorry for his sin he said he would be (quiet – sad).
4. Job said to (The Lord – Satan) I know that You can do everything?.
5. God gave Job (twice – ten times) as much after his suffering as he had before.

## The Preservation of the Covenant Seed

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 22

**Scripture:** Genesis 24:1–25:18

**Memory Verse:** “This was the Lord’s doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.”  
(Psalm 118:23)

**Lesson Truth:** The Lord told Abraham to find a wife for Isaac from his own family. In this way He kept the promised son from marrying a woman that worshiped idols.

### Lesson

God blessed Abraham. God asked Abraham to leave his family. He asked Abraham to leave his country. God wanted Abraham to be separate. Jesus was to come from Abraham’s children.

Abraham’s son Isaac became a young man. Isaac was the son God promised to Abraham and Sarah. Isaac was old enough to find a wife. Abraham asked his servant, Eliezer, to find a wife for Isaac. Abraham said she must not be a daughter of the Canaanites. He said she must come from Abraham’s family.

Eliezer went to Abraham’s family. He went to the city of Nahor. He asked God to help him find a wife for Isaac. God heard Eliezer’s prayer. God brought Rebekah to Eliezer. She offered Eliezer a drink. She offered to give the camels a drink. This was the sign Eliezer asked God to send. Eliezer knew Rebekah was the girl God chose to be Isaac’s wife.

Eliezer went along with Rebekah’s brother, Laban. He went to Rebekah’s father’s house. He told Rebekah’s father he came to find a wife for Isaac. Rebekah’s father believed the Lord sent Eliezer. He believed God chose Rebekah to be Isaac’s wife. He said Rebekah could go along with Eliezer.

Rebekah believed God sent Eliezer. She believed God chose her to be Isaac’s wife. Rebekah was ready to go along with Eliezer. She was ready

to become Isaac's wife. She rode a camel to Isaac's home.

Rebekah saw Isaac in the distance. Isaac was in the field praying. Rebekah covered her face with a veil. She was ready to become Isaac's wife. Rebekah believed the promise God gave to Abraham. She believed Jesus would come from the children she and Isaac would have. God says that you and I are children of Abraham. We are children of Isaac and Rebekah by faith. We must believe that Jesus did come from Abraham's children.

Abraham had other sons and daughters. Yet Isaac was the son from whom Jesus would come. Isaac had to be separate from Abraham's other sons. Do you believe that Jesus came from Abraham's children? Do you believe that Jesus is your Redeemer?

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. Abraham's faithful servant was (Eliezer – Isaac).
2. Abraham told Eliezer to go to (Canaan – his family) to find a wife for Isaac.
3. Rebekah's brother was (Laban – Eliezer).
4. Eliezer asked (Laban – God) to help him find a wife for Isaac.
5. (Abraham – God) really chose the girl to be Isaac's wife.

## Flesh and Spirit

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 23

**Scripture:** Genesis 25:19-34

**Memory Verse:** “It was said to her, “The older shall serve the younger.””  
(Romans 9:12 )

**Lesson Truth:** When God calls His people for a special task, they sometimes struggle between doing what they want or what God wants.

### Lesson

Isaac loved Rebekah. They had been married a long time. They wanted a child of their own. Rebekah could not have children. Isaac prayed to God for Rebekah. He prayed that God would give them a child. God heard Isaac’s prayer. Rebekah was going to have a baby.

Rebekah noticed a struggle within her. She wondered why this happened. She asked God why this happened. God told Rebekah she was going to have twin babies. He told her that her twins would become two nations. God told her one of these nations shall be stronger than the other nation. These nations would struggle against each other. God told Rebekah that the older son would serve the younger son. Rebekah believed God. She believed that Jesus would come from her younger son.

Isaac did not pay attention to what God told Rebekah. Isaac loved his older son, Esau. Esau brought Isaac delicious meals. Esau made these meals from animals he caught in the field. Isaac did not understand that God chose Jacob to receive the promise. Isaac had to learn what Rebekah knew. He had to learn that Jacob would receive the blessing.

Jacob knew that he was to receive the blessing. He should have trusted God to give him the blessing. He tried to get the blessing his own way. Esau came from the field. He was very hungry. Jacob had cooked a pot of stew. Esau asked Jacob for some stew. Jacob saw a way to get what he wanted. He asked Esau to sell his right to the blessing. He promised Esau

some stew if he would sell his blessing. Esau did not care for the blessing. He was not interested in the promised Redeemer. He sold his blessing to Jacob.

Esau was a man of the flesh. Esau did what he wanted to do. Jacob was a man of the spirit. You and I must follow the spirit.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. (Isaac – Jacob) pleaded with God for his wife Rebekah.
2. God told (Ruth – Rebekah) she would have twins.
3. (Esau – Jacob) was the oldest of Isaac and Rebekah's sons.
4. (Jacob – Esau) made delicious meals for Isaac.
5. (Jacob – Esau) did not care for the blessing from God.

## Rehoboth

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 1, Lesson 24

**Scripture:** Genesis 26

**Memory Verse:** “So he called its name Rehoboth, because he said, ‘For now the Lord has made room for us.’” (Genesis 26:22b)

**Lesson Truth:** The Lord helped Isaac understand that he was the one through whom the promise of a Redeemer would come.

### Lesson

There was a famine in the land. Isaac thought he should go to Egypt. In Egypt he would find food. God came to Isaac. He told Isaac he should not go down to Egypt. God told Isaac to stay in the land of Canaan. God said He would give the land to Isaac. He would give the land to Isaac because Abraham was faithful. Abraham was Isaac’s father.

God also told Isaac that he would have many children. God said Isaac’s children would bless all the nations of the earth. God knew that the Redeemer would come from Isaac’s children.

Isaac should have trusted God’s promise. He was not yet able to do this. He lied to the men of Gerar. He told them Rebekah was his sister. Rebekah was his wife. He was afraid the men of Gerar would kill him. He was afraid they would take Rebekah. God protected Isaac and Rebekah. He made Abimelech the king notice that Isaac and Rebekah were married. God would not let the men of Gerar take Rebekah. God knew that Jesus would come from their children.

Isaac became very rich. God gave him big crops. The Philistines envied Isaac. The king asked Isaac to move away. Isaac moved away. Isaac’s servants dug a well for water. The herdsmen of Gerar said the well was theirs. They quarreled with Isaac. Because they quarreled, Isaac named the well, Esek. Isaac’s servants dug another well. The men of Gerar quarreled again. Isaac named this well, Sitnah.

Isaac's servants dug a third well. This time the men of Gerar did not quarrel. Isaac named this well, Rehoboth. Do you know why Isaac named it Rehoboth? It was because he said: "For now the Lord has made room for us." Isaac was beginning to trust the Lord.

Isaac moved again. He moved to Beersheba. God talked to Isaac at Beersheba. God told Isaac He was the God of Abraham. He told Isaac not to be afraid. God said He would give Isaac many children. Because of Abraham, God would do this. Isaac then did what a father should do. He led his family in worship. He built an altar. He called on the name of the Lord. God helped Isaac understand. He understood that the promise would come from his children.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. The Lord told (Isaac – Abimelech) not to go down to Egypt.
2. God told (Abimelech – Isaac) that He would give him the land of Canaan.
3. Isaac told the men of Gerar that Rebekah was his (sister – wife).
4. When the men of Gerar did not quarrel about a well Isaac named it (Esek – Rehoboth).
5. The name that means, for now the Lord has made room for us is (Rehoboth – Sitnah).