

Crystallization-Study Outlines

GENESIS (2)

Message Nine

Living a Grace-enjoying Life for God's Good Pleasure

Hymns

Scripture Reading: Gen. 26:3-4, 12-33; Gal. 6:18; 1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 12:7-10; Rev. 22:21

- Gen 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you; for to you and to your seed I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.
- Gen 26:4 And I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and will give to your seed all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed,
- Gen 26:12 And Isaac sowed in that land and gained in the same year a hundredfold. And Jehovah blessed him,
- Gen 26:13 And the man became rich and continued to grow richer until he became very rich.
- Gen 26:14 And he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him.
- Gen 26:15 Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father the Philistines had stopped up and filled with earth.
- Gen 26:16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we.
- Gen 26:17 So Isaac went away from there and camped in the valley of Gerar and dwelt there.
- Gen 26:18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father and which the Philistines had stopped up after the death of Abraham; and he called them by the same names which his father had given them.
- Gen 26:19 And Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of springing water.
- Gen 26:20 And the shepherds of Gerar strove with Isaac's shepherds, saying, The water is ours. So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him.
- Gen 26:21 And they dug another well; and they strove over that also, so he called the name of it Sitnah.
- Gen 26:22 And he moved away from there and dug another well, but they did not strive over it, so he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, Now Jehovah has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land.
- Gen 26:23 And he went up from there to Beer-sheba.
- Gen 26:24 And Jehovah appeared to him the same night and said, I am the God of Abraham your father. Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and I will bless you and multiply your seed for My servant Abraham's sake.
- Gen 26:25 And he built an altar there and called upon the name of Jehovah and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.
- Gen 26:26 And Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the captain of his army.
- Gen 26:27 And Isaac said to them, Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?
- Gen 26:28 And they said, We see plainly that Jehovah is with you; so we say, Let there now be an oath between us, even between us and you, and let us make a covenant with you,
- Gen 26:29 That you will not do us any harm, just as we have not touched you, and just as we have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of Jehovah.
- Gen 26:30 And he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.
- Gen 26:31 And they rose up early in the morning and swore to one another. And Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.
- Gen 26:32 And the same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well which they had dug and said to him, We have found water.
- Gen 26:33 And he called it Shibah. Therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba to this day.
- Gal 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.
- 1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.
- 2 Cor 12:7 And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up.

- 2 Cor 12:8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.
- 2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.
- 2 Cor 12:10 Therefore I am well pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in necessities, in persecutions and distresses, on behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am powerful.
- Rev 22:21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

I. Isaac is a model, a pattern, of the enjoyment of God's grace for God's good pleasure—Gen. 24:36; 25:5; 26:3-4, 12-33; Rom. 5:1-2; Acts 4:33; 11:23:

- Gen 24:36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master after she had become old. And he has given all that he has to him.
- Gen 25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.
- Gen 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you; for to you and to your seed I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.
- Gen 26:4 And I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and will give to your seed all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed,
- Gen 26:12~33 (be omitted.)
- Rom 5:1 Therefore having been justified out of faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- Rom 5:2 Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and boast because of the hope of the glory of God.
- Acts 4:33 And with great power the apostles gave testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.
- Acts 11:23 Who, when he arrived and saw the grace of God, rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain with the Lord with purpose of heart;
- A. Grace is God in Christ as the Spirit wrought into our being for our enjoyment to be everything to us and to do everything in us, through us, and for us so that He can become the constituent of our being for the building up of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem— John 1:16-17; Heb. 10:29b; 1 Cor. 15:10; cf. Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 13:14.
- John 1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.
- John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.
- Heb 10:29b ... who has trampled underfoot the Son of God and has considered the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing and has insulted the Spirit of grace?
- 1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.
- Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- 2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- B. It is our destiny to enjoy the grace of God; this destiny was preordained before the foundation of the world—Eph. 1:3-6; 2:7.
- Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ,
- Eph 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,
- Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
- Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved;
- Eph 2:7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- C. *El Shaddai*, the All-sufficient God, is the all-sufficient grace to supply His called ones with the riches of His divine being that they might bring forth Christ as the seed for the fulfillment of His purpose — Gen. 17:1; 28:3; 2 Cor. 12:9; Phil. 1:19-21a.

- Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God; / Walk before Me, and be perfect.
- Gen 28:3 And may the All-sufficient God bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.
- 2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.
- Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil 1:21a For to me, to live is Christ ...

II. After Abraham's natural strength and self-effort were dealt with by God, Isaac was born (Gen. 17:15-19; 18:10-14; 21:1-7); this implies that Isaac was born of grace, which is represented by Sarah (Gal. 4:23-28, 31; 1 Pet. 3:7):

- Gen 17:15 And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but her name shall be Sarah.
- Gen 17:16 And I will bless her, and I will also give you a son by her. Indeed, I will bless her, and she will be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come forth from her.
- Gen 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face and laughed and said in his heart, Will a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?
- Gen 17:18 And Abraham said to God, Oh that Ishmael might live before You!
- Gen 17:19 But God said, No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him.
- Gen 18:10 And He said, I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and then Sarah your wife shall have a son. And Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind Him.
- Gen 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah according to the manner of women.
- Gen 18:12 And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?
- Gen 18:13 And Jehovah said to Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I indeed bear a child when I am old?
- Gen 18:14 Is anything too marvelous for Jehovah? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.
- Gen 21:1 And Jehovah visited Sarah as He had said, and Jehovah did to Sarah as He had promised.
- Gen 21:2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him.
- Gen 21:3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.
- Gen 21:4 And Abraham circumcised Isaac his son when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
- Gen 21:5 And Abraham was a hundred years old when Isaac his son was born to him.
- Gen 21:6 And Sarah said, God has made me laugh; everyone who hears will laugh with me.
- Gen 21:7 And she said, Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.
- Gal 4:23 However the one of the maidservant was born according to the flesh, but the one of the free woman was born through promise.
- Gal 4:24 These things are spoken allegorically, for these women are two covenants, one from Mount Sinai, bringing forth children unto slavery, which is Hagar.
- Gal 4:25 Now this Hagar is Sinai the mountain in Arabia and corresponds to the Jerusalem which now is, for she is in slavery with her children.
- Gal 4:26 But the Jerusalem above is free, which is our mother;
- Gal 4:27 For it is written, "Rejoice, barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not travailing, because many are the children of her who is desolate rather than of her who has her husband."

- Gal 4:28 But you, brothers, in the way Isaac was, are children of promise.
- Gal 4:31 So then, brothers, we are not children of the maidservant but of the free woman.
- 1 Pet 3:7 Husbands, in like manner dwell together with them according to knowledge, as with the weaker, female vessel, assigning honor to them as also to fellow heirs of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.
- A. “Is anything too marvelous for Jehovah? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son”— Gen. 18:14:
1. The time of life (v. 10), the appointed time for the birth of Isaac (17:21), was the time of God’s visitation (21:1).
 - Gen 18:10 And He said, I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and then Sarah your wife shall have a son. And Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent, which was behind Him.
 - Gen 17:21 But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this appointed time next year.
 - Gen 21:1 And Jehovah visited Sarah as He had said, and Jehovah did to Sarah as He had promised.
 2. The birth of Isaac was the coming of Jehovah, which was the coming of grace (cf. John 1:17).
 - John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.
 3. Isaac was born by the strength of God’s grace, not by the strength of man’s natural life; this took place after Abraham had been circumcised and he and his wife, Sarah, had been completely deadened (Gen. 18:11; Rom. 4:18-19), signifying that the time of life, the time when Christ will be life to us, will come after our natural strength has been terminated.
 - Gen 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah according to the manner of women.
 - Rom 4:18 He beyond hope believed in hope in order that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, "So shall your seed be."
 - Rom 4:19 And not weakening in his faith, he considered his own body as already dead, being about a hundred years old, as well as the deadening of Sarah's womb;
- B. Abraham’s life reveals that if we would enjoy God’s grace and have the full enjoyment of His riches, we must suffer loss and have our natural life circumcised, cut off; the greatest frustration to knowing and experiencing grace is the self— Gen. 17:11, 19; cf. Phil. 3:3.
- Gen 17:11 And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a sign of a covenant between Me and you.
 - Gen 17:19 But God said, No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him.
 - Phil 3:3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,
- C. Isaac’s life reveals that our suffering to terminate our natural life is for the enjoyment of God’s grace — cf. 2 Cor. 1:8-9, 12; 12:7-10; Rom. 5:1-5.
- 2 Cor 1:8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of our affliction which befell us in Asia, that we were excessively burdened, beyond our power, so that we despaired even of living.
 - 2 Cor 1:9 Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;
 - 2 Cor 1:12 For our boasting is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you.
 - 2 Cor 12:7 And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up.
 - 2 Cor 12:8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.
 - 2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in

- weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.
- 2 Cor 12:10 Therefore I am well pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in necessities, in persecutions and distresses, on behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am powerful.
- Rom 5:1 Therefore having been justified out of faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- Rom 5:2 Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and boast because of the hope of the glory of God.
- Rom 5:3 And not only so, but we also boast in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces endurance;
- Rom 5:4 And endurance, approvedness; and approvedness, hope;
- Rom 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

III. Isaac was grown up in grace; to grow in grace is to grow in the enjoyment of all that Christ is to us as our spiritual food and living water—Gen. 21:8; 2 Pet. 3:18; 1 Pet. 2:2; 1 Cor. 3:2, 6; Eph. 3:8; 4:15:

- Gen 21:8 And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.
- 2 Pet 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and unto the day of eternity. Amen.
- 1 Pet 2:2 As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation,
- 1 Cor 3:2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, for you were not yet able to receive it. But neither yet now are you able,
- 1 Cor 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.
- Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel
- Eph 4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,
- A. The growth of Isaac signifies the growth of Christ in the New Testament believers after He is born in them; the growth of Christ in us is needed so that Christ can be formed in us—1 Cor. 3:6; Gal. 4:19; *Hymns*, #395.
- 1 Cor 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.
- Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you, *Hymns*, #395
- 1 O Jesus Christ, grow Thou in me, And all things else recede;
My heart be daily nearer Thee, From sin be daily freed.
- CHORUS
- Each day let Thy supporting might My weakness still embrace;
My darkness vanish in Thy light, Thy life my death efface.
 - 2 In Thy bright beams which on me fall, Fade every evil thought;
That I am nothing, Thou art all, I would be daily taught.
 - 3 More of Thy glory let me see, Thou Holy, Wise, and True;
I would Thy living image be, In joy and sorrow too.
 - 4 Fill me with gladness from above, Hold me by strength divine;
Lord, let the glow of Thy great love Through all my being shine.
 - 5 Make this poor self grow less and less, Be Thou my life and aim;
Oh, make me daily through Thy grace More meet to bear Thy name.
- B. The Spirit of grace (Heb. 10:29) is the grace of life (1 Pet. 3:7), the varied grace of God (4:10), the God of all grace (5:10), and the all-sufficient grace (2 Cor. 12:9); this grace is now with our spirit (Gal. 6:18).
- Heb 10:29 By how much do you think he will be thought worthy of worse punishment who has trampled underfoot the Son of God and has considered the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing and has insulted the Spirit of grace?
- 1 Pet 3:7 Husbands, in like manner dwell together with them according to knowledge, as with the weaker, female vessel, assigning honor to them as also to fellow heirs of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- 1 Pet 4:10 Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God.
- 1 Pet 5:10 But the God of all grace, He who has called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and ground you.
- 2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.
- Gal 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

C. The way to daily receive and enjoy grace is through the blood, the word, the Spirit, and the church:

1. The redeeming blood, the blood of the covenant, God's own blood, brings sinful, corrupted people into the eternal enjoyment of God—Acts 20:28; Matt. 26:28; Lev. 16:11-16; Heb. 10:19-20; 1 John 1:7, 9.
 - Acts 20:28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.
 - Matt 26:28 For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 - Lev 16:11 And Aaron shall present the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make expiation for himself and for his household, and shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself.
 - Lev 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before Jehovah, with his hands full of finely ground fragrant incense, and bring it inside the veil.
 - Lev 16:13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before Jehovah, that the cloud of the incense may cover the expiation cover that is over the Testimony, so that he does not die.
 - Lev 16:14 And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger upon the expiation cover toward the east, and before the expiation cover he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.
 - Lev 16:15 Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the expiation cover and before the expiation cover.
 - Lev 16:16 And he shall make expiation for the Holy of Holies because of the uncleannesses of the children of Israel and because of their transgressions, for all their sins. And so he shall do for the Tent of Meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.
 - Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,
 - Heb 10:20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh,
 - 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.
 - 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
2. The word of grace can be eaten by us and become to us the gladness and joy of our heart—Acts 20:32; Jer. 15:16; John 6:63.
 - Acts 20:32 And now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who have been sanctified.
 - Jer 15:16 Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me / The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O Jehovah, God of hosts.
 - John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
3. The Spirit of grace as the bountiful supply of the processed and consummated God is the oil of exultant joy with which we are anointed as the partners of Christ—Heb. 1:9;

10:29b; Zech. 12:10a.

Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of exultant joy above Your partners";

Heb 10:29b ... who has trampled underfoot the Son of God and has considered the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

Zech 12:10a And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplications; ...

4. The church of God experiences the fresh and refreshing grace of God as the descending dew, which comes to us from the heavens through God's compassions to water and transform us—Psa. 133:3; Lam. 3:22-23; 2 Cor. 13:14; Acts 11:23.

Psa 133:3 Like the dew of Hermon / That came down upon the mountains of Zion. / For there Jehovah commanded the blessing: / Life forever.

Lam 3:22 It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, / For His compassions do not fail;

Lam 3:23 They are new every morning; / Great is Your faithfulness.

2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Acts 11:23 Who, when he arrived and saw the grace of God, rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain with the Lord with purpose of heart;

- D. The way to daily receive and enjoy grace is to turn to the spirit, exercise the spirit, and enthrone the Lord—Heb. 4:16; Rom. 5:17, 21; cf. Rev. 4:2:

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

Rom 5:17 For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Rom 5:21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rev 4:2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting;

1. God's throne is the source of the flowing grace; whenever we fail to enthrone the Lord, dethroning Him, the flow of grace stops—22:1; Col. 1:18b; Rev. 2:4; 1 Pet. 5:5.

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

Col 1:18b ... He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Rev 2:4 But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love.

1 Pet 5:5 In like manner, younger men, be subject to elders; and all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

2. If we enthrone the Lord Jesus within us, the Spirit as the river of water of life will flow out from the throne of grace to supply us; in this way we shall receive grace and enjoy grace —Rev. 22:1; *Hymns*, #770.

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

Hymns, #770

1 In the holiest place, touch the throne of grace, Grace as a river shall flow;
In the holiest place, touch the throne of grace, Grace as a river shall flow.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Grace as a river shall flow;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Grace as a river shall flow.

2 In the holiest place, live before His face, Light of glory thru me will shine;
In the holiest place, live before His face, Light of glory thru me will shine.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Light of glory thru me will shine;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Light of glory thru me will shine.

3 To the spirit turn, and the incense burn, Touch the living fountain of life;
To the spirit turn, and the incense burn, Touch the living fountain of life.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Touch the living fountain of life;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Touch the living fountain of life.

- E. The way to daily receive and enjoy grace is to love the Lord, consecrate ourselves to the Lord, and contact the Lord in His Word by means of all prayer—2 Cor. 5:14; Eph. 6:24; Lev. 6:12-13; Eph. 6:17-18; Acts 20:32.

2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died;

Eph 6:24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.

Lev 6:12 And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it must not go out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it and shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it.

Lev 6:13 Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.

Eph 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

Eph 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

Acts 20:32 And now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who have been sanctified.

IV. Isaac also became the heir in grace; we too are heirs of God, enjoying Him as the pledge of our inheritance for us to inherit Him and for Him to inherit us—

Gen. 21:9-12; 24:36; 25:5; Rom. 8:17; Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:11, 14, 18:

Gen 21:9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.

Gen 21:10 So she said to Abraham, Cast out this maidservant and her son, for the son of this maidservant shall not inherit with my son Isaac.

Gen 21:11 And the matter displeased Abraham greatly on account of his son.

Gen 21:12 And God said to Abraham, Do not be displeased on account of the boy and on account of your maidservant. Whatever Sarah says to you, listen to her voice, for in Isaac shall your seed be called.

Gen 24:36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master after she had become old. And he has given all that he has to him.

Gen 25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

Rom 8:17 And if children, heirs also; on the one hand, heirs of God; on the other, joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him.

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

Eph 1:14 Who is the pledge of our inheritance unto the redemption of the acquired possession, to the praise of His glory.

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

- A. Isaac inherited all things from his father (Gen. 24:36; 25:5); in the New Testament all the called believers are heirs of God's absolute and unconditional grace, inheriting all the riches of the divine fullness for our enjoyment (Eph. 1:3, 6; 3:8, 19).

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Gen 25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved;

Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

Eph 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

- B. Isaac signifies that we do not do anything ourselves or seek for anything ourselves; Isaac is

the enjoyment of everything of Abraham, signifying everything of the Father— Gen. 24:36; 25:5.

Gen 24:36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master after she had become old. And he has given all that he has to him.

Gen 25:5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

- C. Knowing the God of Isaac means only one thing: knowing God as the Supplier and that everything comes from Him; it also means that everything comes by receiving and that receiving is the secret to victory—Eph. 1:3; Phil. 1:19; John 1:16; Rom. 5:17; 8:2.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ,

Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

John 1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

Rom 5:17 For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

V. Isaac obeyed in grace; whenever we obey in grace, we shall meet the provision of God—Gen. 22:5-10; John 1:17:

Gen 22:5 And Abraham said to his young men, Stay here with the donkey; and I and the boy will go over there, and we will worship; and then we will return to you.

Gen 22:6 And Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked together.

Gen 22:7 And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, My father! And he said, Here I am, my son. And he said, The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

Gen 22:8 And Abraham said, God Himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son. So the two of them walked on together.

Gen 22:9 And they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.

Gen 22:10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

- A. God's grace is powerful, enabling us to bear anything—2 Tim. 2:1.

2 Tim 2:1 You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;

- B. Grace can reign over all things—Rom. 5:21; Heb. 4:16.

Rom 5:21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

- C. To go back to the law is to reject this grace, to nullify this grace, to fall from grace — Gal. 2:21; 5:4; cf. Gen. 16:16; 17:1:

Gal 2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness is through law, then Christ has died for nothing.

Gal 5:4 You have been brought to nought, separated from Christ, you who are being justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Gen 16:16 And Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God; / Walk before Me, and be perfect.

1. To fall from grace is to be brought to nought, reduced to nothing, separated from Christ, deprived of all profit from Christ— cf. John 15:4-5.

John 15:4 Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he

bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

2. If we go to anything other than Christ, such as the law or character improvement, and do not cleave to Christ so that we may enjoy Him all the time, our enjoyment of Christ will be confiscated— cf. Col. 2:18.

Col 2:18 Let no one defraud you by judging you unworthy of your prize, in self-chosen lowliness and the worship of the angels, dwelling on the things which he has seen, vainly puffed up by his mind set on the flesh,

- D. We need to be confirmed by grace, which is to remain in the new covenant to enjoy Christ as grace —Heb. 13:9; Gal. 5:4.

Heb 13:9 Do not be carried away by various strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be confirmed by grace, not by the food of sacrifices, by which those who walk were not profited.

Gal 5:4 You have been brought to nought, separated from Christ, you who are being justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

VI. Isaac received a hundredfold harvest, “and the man became rich and continued to grow richer until he became very rich”; our hearts need to be the good earth where Christ can bear fruit a hundredfold, and we need to be rich toward God, enjoying grace upon grace—Gen. 26:12-14; Luke 8:8, 15; 12:15-21; Eph. 3:8; John 1:16.

Gen 26:12 And Isaac sowed in that land and gained in the same year a hundredfold. And Jehovah blessed him,

Gen 26:13 And the man became rich and continued to grow richer until he became very rich.

Gen 26:14 And he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him.

Luke 8:8 And other seed fell into the good earth, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold. When He had said these things, He called out, He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Luke 8:15 But that which is in the good earth, these are those who in a noble and good heart hear the word and hold it fast and bear fruit with endurance.

Luke 12:15 And He said to them, Watch and guard yourself from all covetousness, for no one's life is in the abundance of his possessions.

Luke 12:16 And He told them a parable, saying, The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundantly.

Luke 12:17 And he reasoned in himself, saying, What shall I do, for I have no place where I may gather my crops?

Luke 12:18 And he said, I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and I will gather there all my wheat and my goods.

Luke 12:19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; rest, eat, drink, be merry.

Luke 12:20 But God said to him, Foolish one, this night they are requiring your soul from you; and the things which you have prepared, whose will they be?

Luke 12:21 So is he who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

John 1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

VII. Although Isaac enjoyed God’s unconditional grace, finding enjoyment and satisfaction (signified by a well) in every place that he went (Gen. 25:11; 26:15-25, 33), Beer-sheba was the unique place in which he experienced God’s appearing, received His promise, built an altar, called on the name of the Lord, and pitched a tent as a testimony:

Gen 25:11 And after the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac dwelt by Beer-lahai-roi.

Gen 26:15 Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father the Philistines had stopped up and filled with earth.

Gen 26:16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we.

Gen 26:17 So Isaac went away from there and camped in the valley of Gerar and dwelt there.

- Gen 26:18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father and which the Philistines had stopped up after the death of Abraham; and he called them by the same names which his father had given them.
- Gen 26:19 And Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of springing water.
- Gen 26:20 And the shepherds of Gerar strove with Isaac's shepherds, saying, The water is ours. So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him.
- Gen 26:21 And they dug another well; and they strove over that also, so he called the name of it Sitnah.
- Gen 26:22 And he moved away from there and dug another well, but they did not strive over it, so he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, Now Jehovah has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land.
- Gen 26:23 And he went up from there to Beer-sheba.
- Gen 26:24 And Jehovah appeared to him the same night and said, I am the God of Abraham your father. Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and I will bless you and multiply your seed for My servant Abraham's sake.
- Gen 26:25 And he built an altar there and called upon the name of Jehovah and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.
- Gen 26:33 And he called it Shibah. Therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba to this day.
- A. God's called ones are destined to enjoy God's grace regardless of their standing, but this enjoyment does not justify their standing.
- B. If we desire to have God's appearing, inherit His promises, and live a life for the fulfillment of His eternal purpose, we must come to the unique place that God has chosen and remain there.
- C. This unique place is signified by Beer-sheba, with the well for life supply and the tamarisk tree as the expression of the rich flow of life —vv. 23-24; 21:25, 33.
- Gen 26:23 And he went up from there to Beer-sheba.
- Gen 26:24 And Jehovah appeared to him the same night and said, I am the God of Abraham your father. Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and I will bless you and multiply your seed for My servant Abraham's sake.
- Gen 21:25 And Abraham confronted Abimelech concerning the well of water which Abimelech's servants had taken by force.
- Gen 21:33 And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba, and there he called on the name of Jehovah, the Eternal God.

VIII. Isaac inherited the promise that God had given to his father concerning the good land and the unique seed, which is Christ, in whom all the nations of the earth will be blessed—26:3-5; Gal. 3:14, 16:

- Gen 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you; for to you and to your seed I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.
- Gen 26:4 And I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and will give to your seed all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed,
- Gen 26:5 Because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.
- Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- Gal 3:16 But to Abraham were the promises spoken and to his seed. He does not say, And to the seeds, as concerning many, but as concerning one: "And to your seed," who is Christ.
- A. The unique seed of Abraham as the last Adam became the life-giving Spirit, who is the blessing of Abraham (the reality of the good land), for the dispensing of Himself into the believers of Christ to make them the corporate seed of Abraham— vv. 14, 16, 29; 1 Cor. 15:45b; John 12:24; Isa. 53:10.
- Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
- Gal 3:16 But to Abraham were the promises spoken and to his seed. He does not say, And to the seeds, as concerning many, but as concerning one: "And to your seed," who is Christ.
- Gal 3:29 And if you are of Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise.
- 1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
- John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it

- abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- Isa 53:10 But Jehovah was pleased to crush Him, to afflict Him with grief. / When He makes Himself an offering for sin, / He will see a seed, He will extend His days, / And the pleasure of Jehovah will prosper in His hand.
- B. This promise was for the fulfillment of God's purpose so that God might have a kingdom on the earth in which to express Himself through a corporate people — Gen. 1:26; Mark 4:26; Dan. 2:34-35.
- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- Mark 4:26 And He said, So is the kingdom of God: as if a man cast seed on the earth,
- Dan 2:34 You were watching until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.
- Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.
- C. Through our enjoyment of grace, the kingdom of God will be realized, and God in Christ will be fully expressed for eternity—Rev. 22:21; Eph. 2:10.
- Rev 22:21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.
- Eph 2:10 For we are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand in order that we would walk in them.