

# RE-DIGGING THE ANCIENT WELLS

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*“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.” – Romans 8:19*

In Genesis Chapter 26, we first read that there was famine in the land and God appeared to Isaac and affirmed the covenant He had made with his late father, Abraham. God assured Isaac that despite the prevailing situation, He had every intention of fulfilling His promises to Abraham. We, also, can take comfort in this, that despite the prevailing spiritual condition of the United Kingdom, God has every intention of fulfilling His promises in Christ, which were upheld by the forefathers of this land. But, what more can we learn from this story?

## BLOCKED WELLS

*“All the wells which his father’s servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had closed and filled with earth.” – Genesis 26:15*

Isaac, Abraham’s son, lived in obedience to God and began to progressively prosper. However, his heritage had been taken over by the Philistines. The wells that he inherited from his father Abraham had been sabotaged and blocked by the enemy. This was a serious matter and of great significance and concern because:

1. The wells originally belonged to Abraham, Isaac’s father. They were the fruit of his labour, as his servants had dug them.
2. The wells were part of Isaac’s inheritance. He had the right to them and to their supply.
3. The wells produced water, without which there would be no sustenance of life. (It was a common tactic, therefore, for an enemy to either seize or stop the supply of water from a well, in order to starve the people of water and cause them to submit).
4. The wells were landmarks of Abraham’s journey with God. Proverbs 22:28 tells us not to *“Remove not the ancient landmark which your fathers have set up.”*
5. The ownership of the wells had been sealed by covenant oath. Therefore, stopping the wells meant the covenant oath had been broken. (*Genesis 21:22-32a*)

## RESTORING HIS FATHER’S HERITAGE

*“And Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham; and he called them by the names which his father had called them.” **Genesis 26:18***

As a responsible son, Isaac took action and begun to re-dig his father’s ancient wells. Not only did Isaac re-dig and restore those wells, he identified them and called each one by name. It is worth noting that Isaac did not tamper with them and give them new names based on his own experiences, he called them by the names given by his father Abraham. Thus, Isaac restored the identity, purpose and function of the wells.

## OUR CURRENT SITUATION IN THE UK

There are similarities between Isaac’s story and ours. The fathers of the Christian faith in this land have long died and gone, and there is a spiritual famine in the land. Worse still, the enemy has stopped, seized and is taking over what the fathers laboured for, that is, a true Christian heritage. Everything

has been affected – Church, Government, Law and Order, Marriage and Family, Education, Economy and commerce, the Arts, etc. All standards have been removed or lowered in every area of our culture.

The ancient landmarks have been removed and the coming generations have very few or none left to lead them back to the word and ways of God. Alas, a new generation has arisen that does not know or honour God! Indeed, our heritage has been taken over! (*Judges 2:10; 1 Samuel 3:1; 2 Chronicles 15:3; Proverbs 29:18; Lamentations 5:2; Amos 8:11*)

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However, despite the current situation, God has every intention of fulfilling His promise to Christ to give Him the nations, and is seeking to restore, raise and use the Church in the UK to turn this nation around. God is about to do a new thing in this land, again! He is enabling and empowering the Church, the sons of God, to re-dig the ancient ‘wells’ that have been blocked or stopped. We must earnestly work to restore the following:

1. The SPIRIT: We need a fresh outpouring of the Spirit, to give us a fresh revelation of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. With the fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we shall receive power to effectively bear witness to Christ. (*John 4:10-14; John 7:37-39; Acts 1:8*).
2. The WORD: The ‘well’ of the truth of the word of God need to be re-dug. We need to return to sound doctrine. We need to dig deep into the word until we acknowledge its authenticity, veracity and infallibility, and become bold enough to stand up for it, as well as proclaim it.
3. PRAYER: We must open the ‘well’ of earnest, fervent, selfless and heartfelt prayer that is effective and avails much. (*James 5:16-18*)
4. WORSHIP: The ‘well’ of true worship must be opened again – songs, hymns and canticles that proclaim the glory of God. Worship must be in Spirit and Truth (*John 4:23-24; Psalm 96:8-10*)
5. DISCIPLESHIP: A return to true discipleship. Jesus called us to make disciples of believers and all nations. We need effective leaders who would teach, nurture and raise believers who know and love the Lord and are growing in His likeness. (*Jeremiah 3:15; Ephesians 4:11-16*)
6. HOLINESS/RIGHTEOUS LIVING: The ‘well’ of holiness, sanctification and righteous living must be opened again. We are meant to be salt and light. This, of course, will happen as we re-dig and open the ‘well’ of discipleship.
7. FAITH: We need faith, the kind of faith that cause impossibilities to become possible. The level of faith, even among leaders, is shocking! We need to start believing again! (*Hebrews 1:11*)
8. EVANGELISM: We need to go back to proclaiming the true Gospel of the Kingdom. We need boldness to proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We shall do this effectively, under the power of the Holy Spirit. (*Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 4:23:31*)
9. THE KINGDOM: We need to re-dig the ‘well’ of the Kingdom – Righteousness, Peace and Joy – and declare “*Your Kingdom come, Your will be done in Britain as it is in heaven!*”

## IT IS TIME TO DIG

*“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” – Galatians 3:26*

It’s time to re-dig the ancient wells of revival. It is time for the true sons of God, like Isaac, to rise up in this land. It is time for us to take ownership and responsibility for the situation. We need divine intervention; therefore, it is time to rise up as true sons of God and earnestly seek His face for help. God is with us, the Lord strong and mighty! It is time to be STRONG and WORK. (*Haggai 2:1-5*)

*“For with God nothing is ever impossible.” – Luke 1:37*