

Genesis 25 Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - Faith Grows.

Genesis 25:1-2

Recall Abraham's initial reaction when the Lord told him he would bear a son: "Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, 'Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old?'" (Gen. 17:17). At 100, Abraham's ability to conceive was "as good as dead" (Heb. 11:12); nevertheless, after his initial shock, *by faith* in God's promise Isaac was born. Here in Genesis 25 we read, after the death of Sarah "Abraham took another wife, Keturah, and she bore him six sons" (Gen. 25:1-2). The man who could scarcely believe he could bear a son at 100, bore six more after he was 137! Faith exercised grows stronger. Dear Christian, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding" and you will see the Lord do the most remarkable things.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:7

☐ Tuesday - Vine Ripened.

Genesis 25:7-8

"And these are all the years of Abraham's life that he lived, one hundred and seventy-five years. And Abraham breathed his last and died in a *ripe* old age, an old man and satisfied with life" (Gen. 25:7-8). Abraham's heart was one of those rare soils in which the seed of God's Word can bear *fruit* (cf. Mt. 13:18-23). At 175, the fruit of Abraham's life was ripe with age and ready to be plucked from this earth. Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit" (Jn. 15:5).

Read John 15:1-11

☐ Wednesday - Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Genesis 25:7-8

"And these are all the years of Abraham's life that he lived, one hundred and seventy-five years. And Abraham breathed his last and died in a ripe old age, an old man and *satisfied* with life" (Gen. 25:7-8). "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be *satisfied*" (Matt. 5:6).

Read Isaiah 55:1-2

☐ Thursday - Take it to the Lord!

Genesis 25:21

"And Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived" (Gen. 25:21). Is there any concern that God's people cannot bring before Him? No, whether your request is big or small 'take it to the Lord in prayer'!

Read James 5:16

☐ Friday - Don't Throw it All Away!

Genesis 25:27-34

"Esau despised his birthright" (Gen. 25:34); he threw away God's blessing for a pot of stew! Here the sin nature is exposed which demands immediate gratification at any expense – even our eternal welfare. But "what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?" (Mark. 8:36).

Read Hebrews 12:15-17