

INTRODUCTION

1. Lk 24:46-47 to all the nations
 - i. Context - v44-47 = OT - entire canon. We proclaim gospel to all the nations informed by God's purpose of grace for the nations.
 - ii. The Creator is the Savior. Original purposes continue thru Fall - blessing redemptively: *be fruitful & multiply & fill the earth.*
 - iii. Abraham: *blessing* speaks of the life of the age-to-come *life*. The seed & land in a realm beyond death. Gn 12:3 *bless* - resurrection life

1st: Isaac - Abraham's Son of Blessing

1. Isaac embodies Abraham's *blessing*: miraculously born & figuratively raised from dead - Gn 22:15-18 announce *bless the nations*
2. Isaac perpetuates the promise of blessing & bridges Abraham to Jacob. The blessing pertains to both life in this age & in the age to come: redemptive blessing. Blessing by patriarchs = prophetic utterances.
 - i. Gn 22:17 *seed possess gate of enemies* - addition to Gn 12:3 & 18:18
 - ii. Gn 24:60 Rebekah's blessing aligns w/ promises to Ab
 - a. Enemies - enmity between two seeds - Gn 3:15
 - b. All families of earth to be blessed in conjunction w/ the defeat of Israel's enemies. *It is finished!*
3. Gn 25 - genealogy of Ishmael; Isaac's twins Esau & Jacob [Rebekah's barren womb]. The older will serve younger - born & live in enmity.
4. Isaac possesses promise of blessing - Gn 26:2-5. His "Abimelech in Gerar" - Gn 26:22-25

2nd: Isaac - The Father Who Blesses Jacob

1. Isaac is father of Jacob, but Ld will give new name - *Israel*

2. Chpt 27 Jacob, thru deception, gets Isaac's blessing - Gn 27:28-29
 - i. language echoes Gn 12:3
 - ii. Jacob's enmity w/ Esau. Esau show himself to be the seed of serpent. Jacob given the blessing - 28:3-4
 - a. Isaac gives Jacob *the blessing of Abraham*
 - 1b. See *the blessing of Abraham* - Gal 3:14

Applic #1: Perceive the Resurrection-Life Character of God's Blessing

1. Review - creation blessing elevated into redemptive blessing: hope of life lived w/ God in Sabbath Rest.
2. The Fall - Satan usurped - demonic lies.
3. Lord reveals Himself as gracious Savior - promises & provisions.
4. 2 kinds of men populate the planet: seed of woman & seed of serpent
5. Vocab of *blessing* in terms of life & hope of Sabbath.

Applic #2: Perceive the Resurrection-Life Character of God's Blessing of Abraham

1. According to Lk 24:44-47, what is OT all about?
2. In Jesus, God is faithful to Abraham.
3. Isaac carries Ab's blessing for *all families on earth* - fulfilled in Jesus.
4. Isaac pictures Jesus to Ab who believed promise of son. Isaac becomes emblematic of resurrection life, whereas Jacob becomes emblematic of election.
5. Is there benefit to us from considering this history of the patriarchs? Why is Israel so significant?

6. All points us to Jesus Christ: His death & resurrection & hope of glory.
7. We, as believers are the children of Abraham and we do well to know the history of our people - true believers.