Isaac Dwelt by the Well Lahai-Roi

by C.H. Spurgeon

C.H. Spurgeon's sermon emphasizes the importance of dwelling in constant fellowship with God as the source of spiritual sustenance and support.

Scripture: Genesis 16:13, Psalm 23:1, Psalm 36:9, Isaiah 58:11, Jeremiah 2:13, Matthew 5:6, John 4:14, John 7:38, Philippians 4:19, 1 Peter 5:7
Topics: "Fellowship With God", "Divine Provision"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the significance of dwelling in the presence of God, as exemplified by Isaac's choice to reside by the well Lahai-Roi, a place of divine revelation and sustenance. Unlike Hagar and Ishmael, who visited God only in times of need, Isaac made this well a constant source of spiritual supply and fellowship. Spurgeon encourages believers to seek a continuous relationship with the living God, recognizing Him as the unfailing source of life and comfort. He highlights the importance of living in God's presence, where true satisfaction and abundance are found. The sermon calls for a commitment to remain close to God, who is always ready to provide for our needs.

Transcript

Hagar had once found deliverance there and Ishmael had drank from the water so graciously revealed by the God who liveth and seeth the sons of men; but this was a merely casual visit, such as worldlings pay to the Lord in times of need, when it serves their turn. They cry to Him in trouble, but forsake Him in prosperity. Isaac dwelt there, and made the well of the living and all-seeing God his constant source of supply. The usual tenor of a man's life, the dwelling of his soul, is the true test of his state.

Perhaps the providential visitation experienced by Hagar struck Isaac's mind, and led him to revere the place; its mystical name endeared it to him; his frequent musings by its brim at eventide made him familiar with the well; his meeting Rebecca there had made his spirit feel at home near the spot; but best of all, the fact that he there enjoyed fellowship with the living God, had made him select that hallowed ground for his dwelling. Let us learn to live in the presence of the living God; let us pray the Holy Spirit that this day, and every other day, we may feel, "Thou God seest me."

May the Lord Jehovah be as a well to us, delightful, comforting, unfailing, springing up unto eternal life. The bottle of the creature cracks and dries up, but the well of the Creator never fails; happy is he who dwells at the well, and so has abundant and constant supplies near at hand. The Lord has been a sure helper to others: His name is Shaddai, God All-sufficient; our hearts have often had most delightful

intercourse with Him; through Him our soul has found her glorious Husband, the Lord Jesus; and in Him this day we live, and move, and have our being; let us, then, dwell in closest fellowship with Him. Glorious Lord, constrain us that we may never leave Thee, but dwell by the well of the living God.

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