



WHY Prayer and Fasting?

#1 /4 "PRAYER"

In Matthew 6, Jesus listed 3 essentials for Christian living:



- When you give (6:1-4)
- When you pray (6:5-15)
- When you fast (6:16-18)

THEN Jesus said: “*check where your treasure is*”
(Matthew 6:19-20)

- What is our treasure?
- Who is our treasurer?



Psalm 63:1-5 *Oh, God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your Name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

3 cord Principle

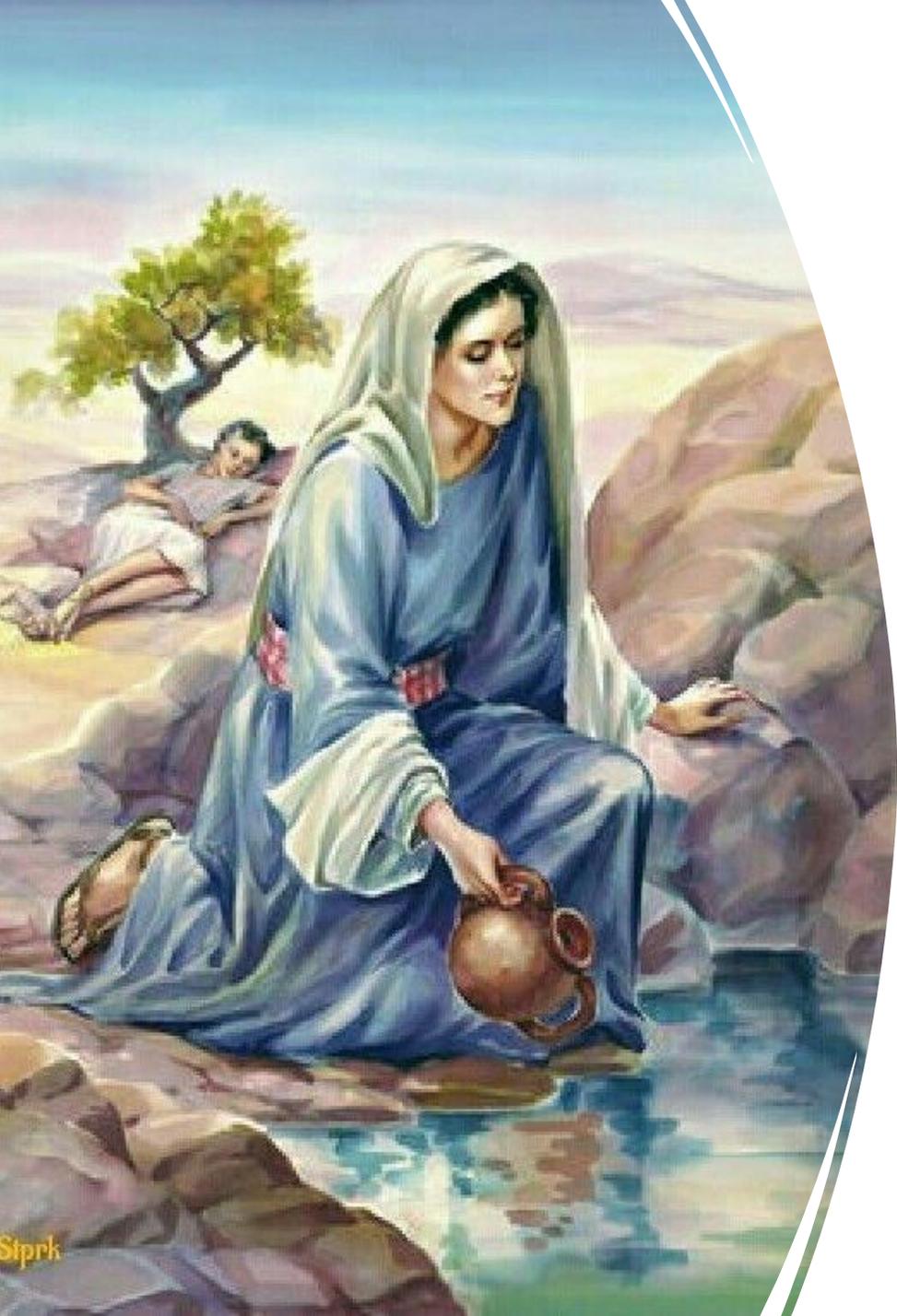
- 30 times = giving
- 60 times = giving + pray
- 100 times = giving + prayer + fasting.





Matthew 17:20-21 *He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move.*

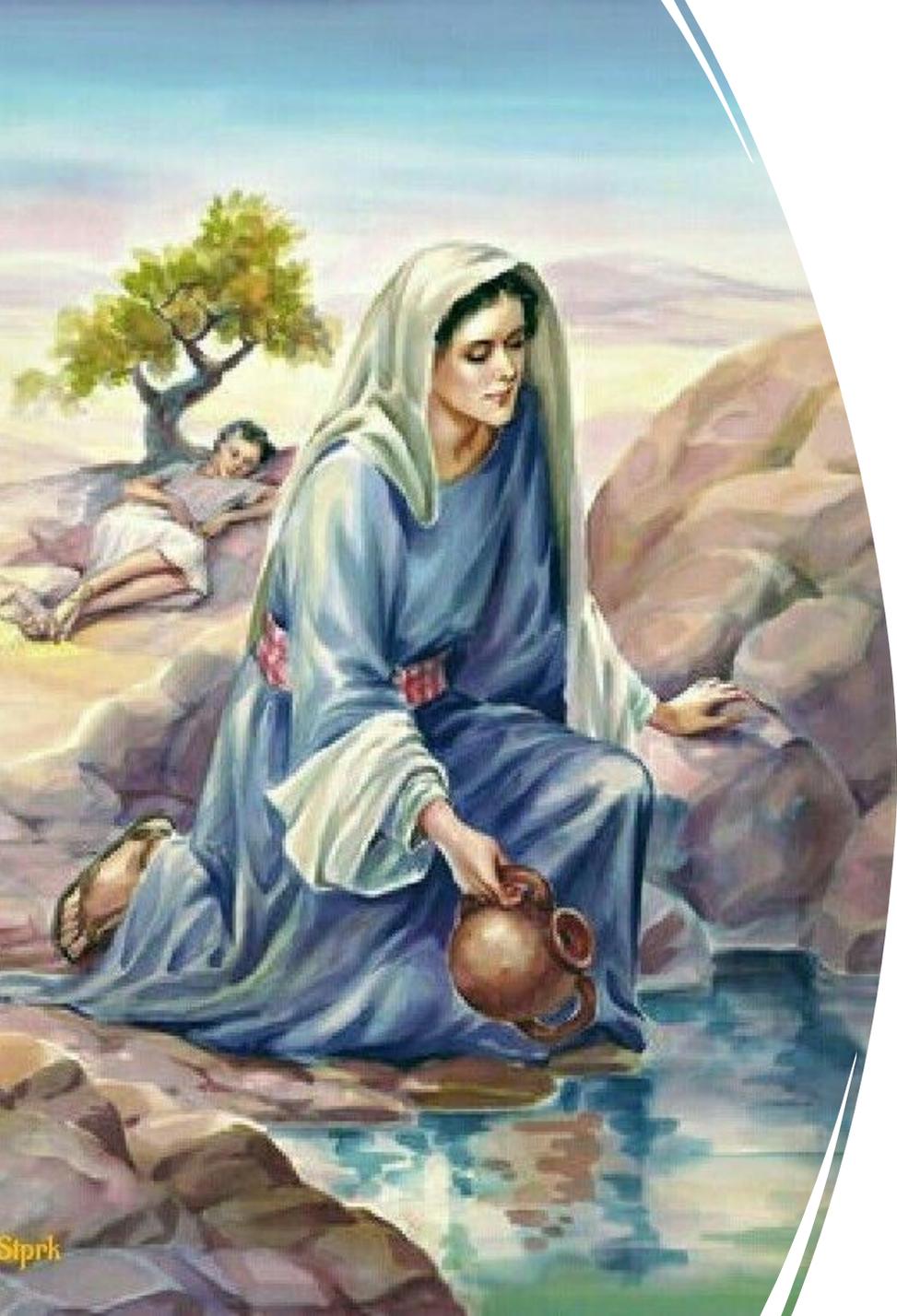
Nothing will be impossible for you. But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting"



1. Wells of Encounter

Genesis 16:7-8 *The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert' it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur.*

And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?"



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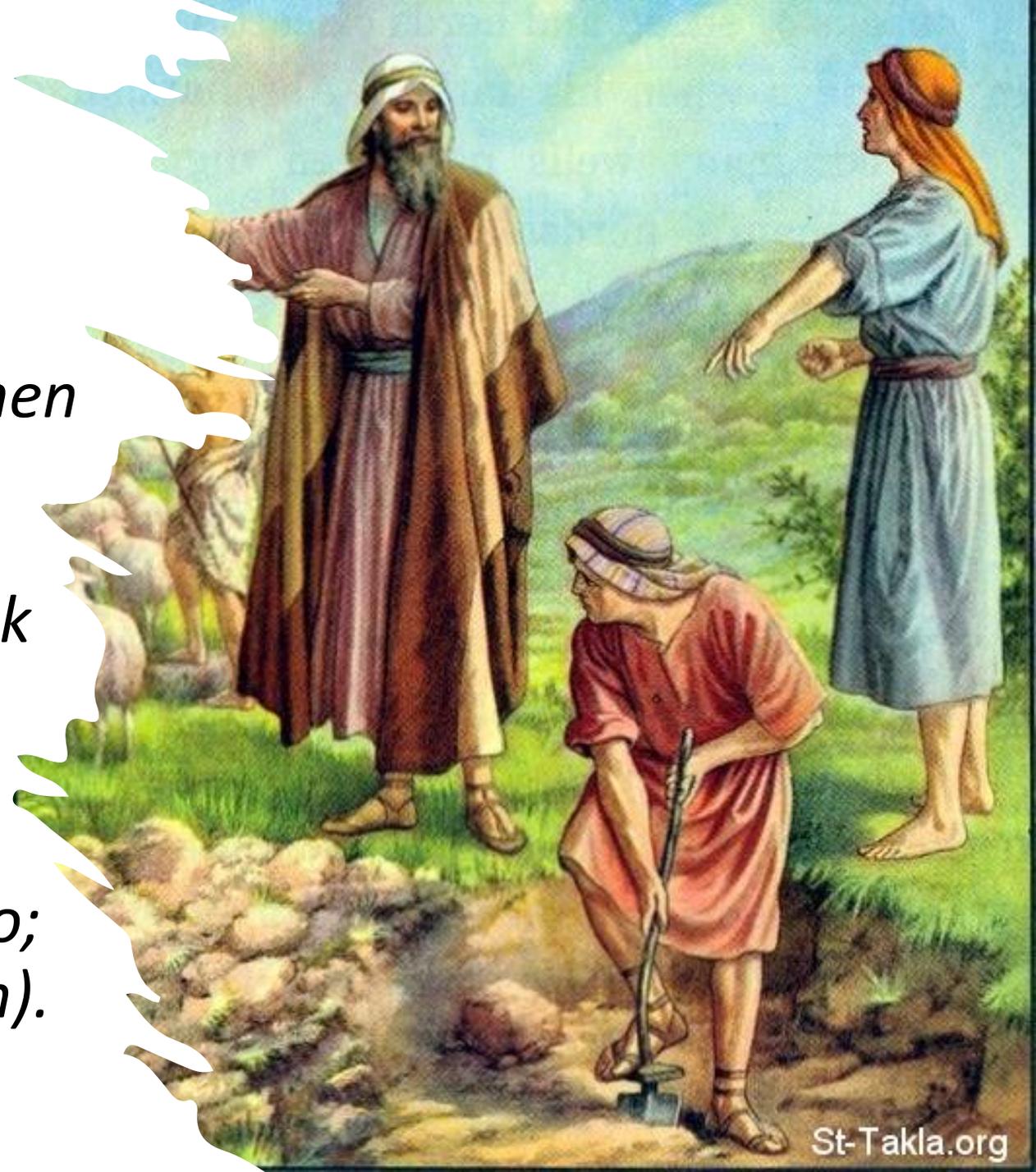
Genesis 16:9 *Then the angel of the Lord told her, “Go back to your mistress and submit to her.”*

Genesis 16:13 *she gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.”*

2. Wells of Contention

Genesis 26:20-21 *But the herdsmen of Gerar quarrelled with Isaac's herdsmen and said, "the water is ours!" so, he named the well Esek (dispute), because they disputed with him.*

Then they dug another well, but they quarrelled over that one also; so he named it Sitnah (opposition).

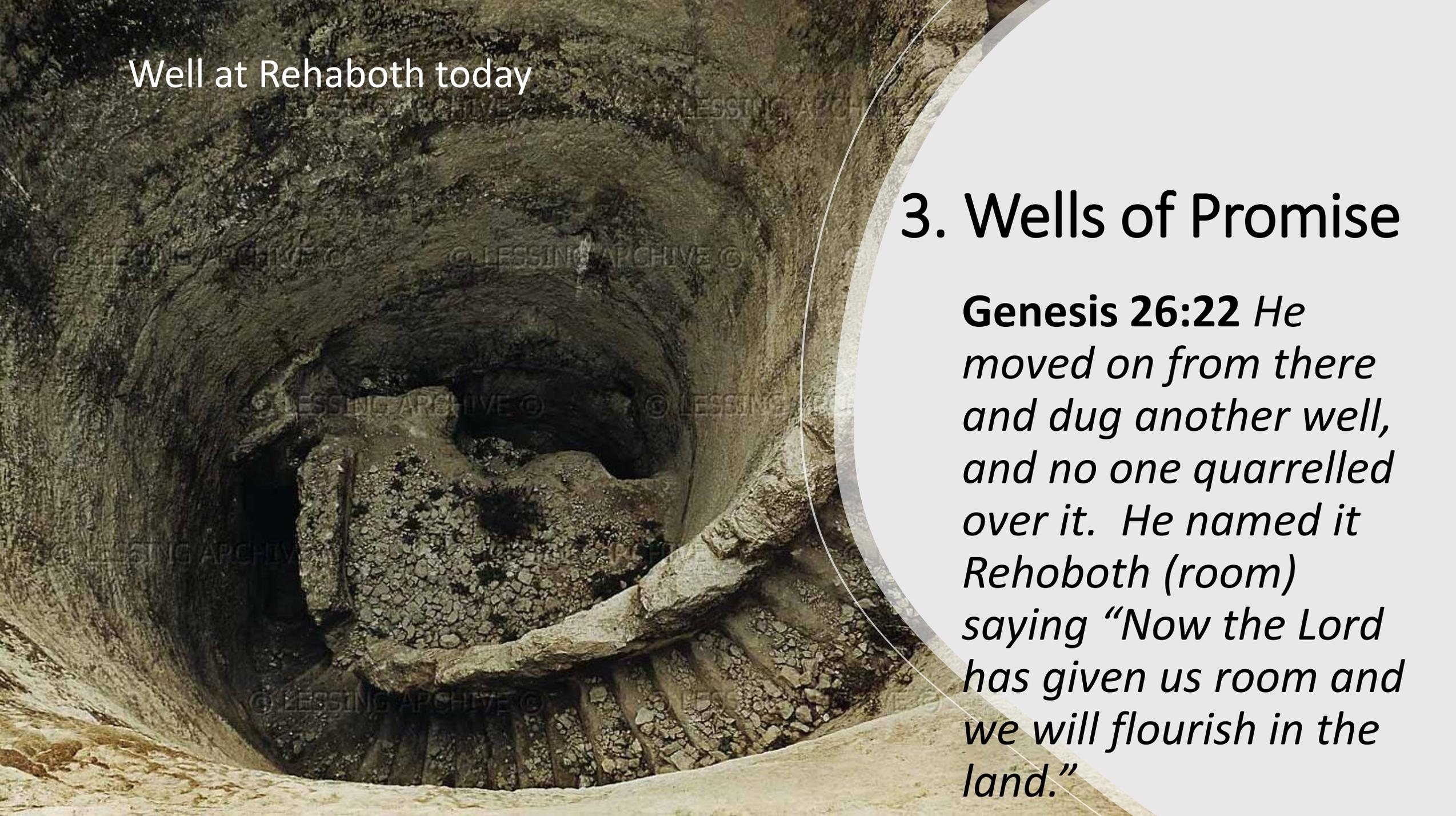


2. Wells of Contention

James 1:6 *But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.*

- Expect God to speak





Well at Rehoboth today

3. Wells of Promise

Genesis 26:22 *He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarrelled over it. He named it Rehoboth (room) saying "Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land."*

Genesis 25:23-25 *From there, he went up to Beersheba. That night the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham.*

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants, for the sake of my servant Abraham.

Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well.

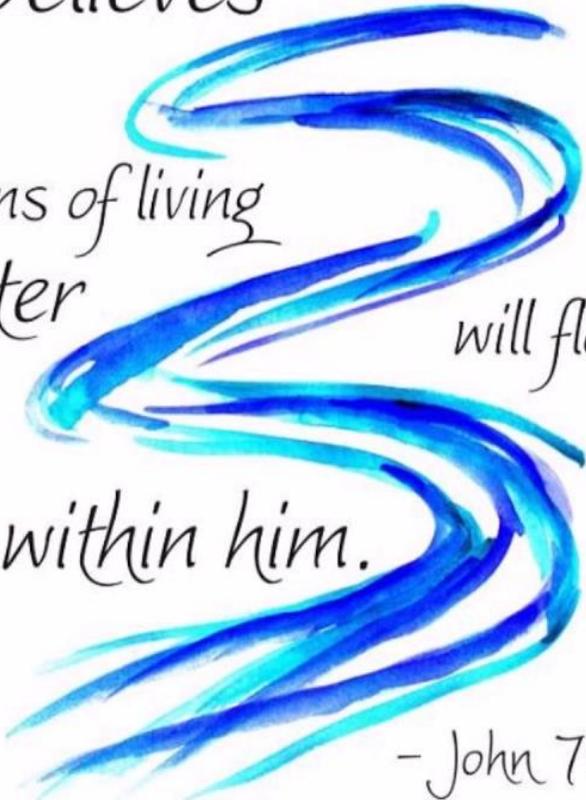


Well at Beersheba today.



John 7:37-38 *On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."*

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- John 7:38

Pray for our Nation:

