

Isaac Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Might Isaac have suffered from “famous father syndrome”? (Feeling he cannot measure up to expectations?)

What sort of effect would it have had on young Isaac when told of his miraculous birth?

Would you expect that he was pampered by his aged parents?

He was about 13 when his father tied him and placed him on the altar – old enough to fight back! What do you think explains his compliance with what seemed like an evil order?

Why do you think the LORD allowed Rebekah to be infertile?

Might it be that Isaac otherwise did not have enough struggle in his life?

Does it seem that the LORD was speaking to the conscience of Abimelech, the Philistine king?

Might the prosperity of Isaac and Rebekah after that time have also been a message to the king?

Abraham had done the exact same thing to this particular king years before (as well as to Pharaoh). Is there such a thing as “generational sins”?

His two sons, Jacob and Esau, were very different in appearance and personality. How do we explain twins raised in the same home turning out like that?

Jacob was devious but valued important things. Esau seemed to be a slave to his appetites. Can we explain why the LORD favored Jacob?

Can you imagine how the lives of the brothers affected their parents?

Are parents sometimes known by the fame or notoriety of their children?

Is it possible to say that some people’s lives are less important in the plan of God?

Does God expect us to compare our achievements with those of others?

Is it more likely that we will be held responsible for what we did with what we were given? (See Matthew 25:13 – 30)

