

Sermon Outline: 8.26.18

Sermon Title: ***Well Diggers***
Sermon Text: Genesis 26:17-33

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Paul Overstreet, ***Dig Another Well:***

Ike had a blessing from the Lord up above
Gave him a beautiful woman to love,
A place to live, some land to farm,
Two good legs and two good arms.

The devil came sneaking around one night,
Decided he would do a little evil to Ike.
Figured he'd hit ole Ike where it hurts
So he filled up all Ike's wells with dirt.

Ike when out to get his morning drink,
Got a dip full of dirt and his heart did sink
He knew it was the devil so he said with a grin
God blessed me once, He can do it again

Chorus:

So when the rains don't fall, and the crops all fail
And the cow ain't putting any milk in the pail,
Don't sit around waiting for a check in the mail,
Just pick up your shovel and dig another well,
Pick up your shovel and dig another well.

A few things we can learn from ol' Ike...

Problems are normal for God's people.

(John 16:33) (Acts 14:22) (1st Peter 4:12)

Perseverance is necessary in God's people.

(James 1:3-4) (2nd Corinthians 4:17)

(Insert Fanny Crosby poem)

Provisions are promised to God's people.

(Genesis 26:28) (Numbers 21:16-17)

Progress is realized by God's people.

Esek, the well of contention

Sitnah, the well of separation

Rehobeth, the well of room

Sheba, the well of the oath

(Genesis 21:33)

Seven Blessings at Sheba

Verse 24b – “*Don’t fear, I’m with you.*”

Verse 24c – “*I will bless and multiply you.*”

Verse 25a – “*Worship happens here.*”

Verse 25b – “*You can dwell here.*”

Verses 26-30 – “*Your enemy fears you.*”

Verse 31 – “*Peace reigns here.*”

Verse 32 – “*Everywhere you dig, water.*”

A poem by Fanny Crosby, at 8 years old:

*“Oh, what a happy child I am,
 Although I cannot see.
 I am resolved that in this world,
 Contented I will be.
 How many blessings I enjoy
 That other people don’t.
 To weep and sigh because I’m blind –
 I cannot and I won’t.”*