

## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

## **Praying Through Genesis 26:24-33**

LORD God, You proved Your faithfulness to Your children as You graciously worked through Abraham and Isaac for their sake and the sake of others. They were not perfect, but they believed in You, trusted Your Word, and obeyed Your commands as You led them. Eventually, through their descendants, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to live, die, and rise again to take away our sins and give us eternal life that we might become children of God. We praise and thank You, O God! You blessed Isaac for the sake of Your promises to Your servant Abraham. We know that many of the blessings You have given us are not for our sake alone, but for the sake of some who have gone before us, for the sake of some we have helped knowingly and unknowingly, and for some who will come after us—even our own descendants.

We praise and thank You for our undeserved blessings. Especially, we thank You for the grace and truth of Jesus Christ, who came into this world to give us grace upon grace. Help us do the same as He did; that is, share the truth that He taught, the truth in the Bible, and the grace He showed the grace that comes from Him—as we teach the truth You have revealed. We pray, dear God, that Your Spirit would work in us that, as Isaac did by Your grace, You might make even our enemies make peace with us. May they see that You are with us, and You bless us for Your Name's sake, so by Your grace we can live at peace with everyone. As You gave Isaac a place of safety and met his most precious need—the gift of water, so we pray that You might give us a place of safely in Jesus Christ our Lord and that the living water of the Holy Spirit might refresh us and others no matter our circumstances. We pray for peace and the safety of our families, for those who will come after us, and for all Your children in this world. We pray that the Holy Spirit would fill us and enable us to bless others in the Name of Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. Your kingdom come and Your will be done here as it is done in heaven. Amen.