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...B, our great discussion of the life of Abraham. We are now taking up C, which is Isaac, and the character of Isaac is one which is well known to all Christians but known principally as the son of Abraham and as the father of Jacob and Esau. As far as he himself is concerned, he has little place as a separate character and personality in our ideas and understanding. That seems a bit strange because we find in the Scriptures a number of things which he did. We find other individuals of whom no more is ~~told~~ told than is told in the Scripture of Isaac, who stand out in sharp relief as individuals of great interest and importance. But Isaac's activities described in the Scripture are most of them almost identical with the activities of his father Abraham. Some critics have even gone so far as to say that he is a mythical character, did not actually exist because there is nothing original in his life. We certainly do not need to follow in that but nevertheless can recognize the remarkable fact that there is very little that is original. He imitates his father's goodness and his father's mistakes. His father sinned in saying that Sarah, ^{who} was his half-sister, was his sister instead of stating the more important fact that she was his wife, Isaac went the whole way and said that his wife Rebecca, who was in no sense his sister, was his sister. Jacob dug wells and Isaac redug the same wells. Jacob sojourned in the land of the Philistines and so did Isaac. Isaac lived back and forth in the hill country of Palestine, carrying on ~~practically~~ practically the same sort of life and activity as had been done by his father Abraham. The two events in his life which were probably, the three events which occur most immediately to the ordinary Bible reader, if asked what impresses you about Isaac? ~~That occur to us now~~ (2 1/2) ~~=that impresses us now~~ would occur to us now in connection with Isaac, but ~~✓~~ either with Abraham his father or with Jacob his son. The first being, of course, well, if you had a fourth one, that would be his birth. And there of course it is ~~Abraham~~ Abraham and Sarah and their faith which is concerned, and Isaac is the promised seed, but of course is not yet a man of whose personality anything could be told.