

# A Bride for the Son

## Genesis Chapter 24

### Gen 24:1 1) At The Father's House vs 1-10

Now Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in every way.

- *Abraham 130 - 140 years old*

Gen 24:2 Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he owned, "Please place your hand under my thigh,

- *Servant not named (here) because the Holy Spirit only speaks of the son*
- *Eliezer of Damascus was name in Genesis15:2*

Gen 24:3 and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live,

Gen 24:4 but you will go to my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

- *Unequally bound w/ unbelievers 2 Corinthians 6*

Gen 24:5 The servant said to him, "Suppose the woman is not willing to follow me to this land; should I take your son back to the land from where you came?"

- *What if it doesn't work out?*

Gen 24:6 Then Abraham said to him, "Beware that you do not take my son back there!

Gen 24:7 "The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and who swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I will give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you will take a wife for my son from there.

Gen 24:8 "But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this my oath; only do not take my son back there."

Gen 24:9 So the servant placed his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

Gen 24:10 Then the servant took ten camels from the camels of his master, and set out with a variety of good things of his master's in his hand; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.

### Gen 24:11 2) At The Well vs 11-28

He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water.

Gen 24:12 He said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today, and show lovingkindness to my master Abraham.

Gen 24:13 "Behold, I am standing by the spring, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water;

Gen 24:14 now may it be that the girl to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar so that I may drink,' and who answers, 'Drink, and I will water your camels also'--{may} she {be the one} whom You have appointed for Your servant Isaac; and by this I will know that You have shown lovingkindness to my master."

- *Incredible Prayer*
- *Very detailed and very difficult to expect*
- *Camels drink 10-15 Gallons of water when they drink 10 camels X 10-15 Gal = 100-150 gallons*
- *The girl maybe had a 2-3 Gallon pot 30-50 trips to get water*

- Gen 24:15 Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder.
- *Before finishing How quickly God answers prayer*
  - *What a coincidence a Granddaughter of Abraham's brother*
- Gen 24:16 The girl was very beautiful, a virgin, and no man had had relations with her; and she went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up.
- Gen 24:17 Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar."
- Gen 24:18 She said, "Drink, my lord"; and she quickly lowered her jar to her hand, and gave him a drink.
- Gen 24:19 Now when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw also for your camels until they have finished drinking."
- Gen 24:20 So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, and ran back to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels.
- Gen 24:21 Meanwhile, the man was gazing at her in silence, to know whether the LORD had made his journey successful or not.
- *Here is this girl fulfilling the exact prayer with all the difficulties of the conditions and Eliezer wondered if this was an answer to prayer.*
  - *Gazing to see if the Lord answered prayer. Are you watching to see answered prayer or do you just forget after you prayer.*
- Gen 24:22 When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half-shekel and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels in gold,
- Gen 24:23 and said, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room for us to lodge in your father's house?"
- Gen 24:24 She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor."
- Gen 24:25 Again she said to him, "We have plenty of both straw and feed, and room to lodge in."
- Gen 24:26 Then the man bowed low and worshiped the LORD.
- Gen 24:27 He said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His lovingkindness and His truth toward my master; as for me, the LORD has guided me in the way to the house of my master's brothers."
- *The Lord guides as we are moving (stepping out / walking) with the Lord. Not sitting and doing nothing.*
- Gen 24:28 Then the girl ran and told her mother's household about these things.

Gen 24:29 **3) At The Bride's House** vs 29-61

- Now Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban; and Laban ran outside to the man at the spring.
- Gen 24:30 When he saw the ring and the bracelets on his sister's wrists, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, "This is what the man said to me," he went to the man; and behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring.
- Gen 24:31 And he said, "Come in, blessed of the LORD! Why do you stand outside since I have prepared the house, and a place for the camels?"
- Gen 24:32 So the man entered the house. Then Laban unloaded the camels, and he gave straw and feed to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.

Gen 24:33 But when {food} was set before him to eat, he said, "I will not eat until I have told my business." And he said, "Speak on."

Gen 24:34 So he said, "I am Abraham's servant.

Gen 24:35 "The LORD has greatly blessed my master, so that he has become rich; and He has given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and servants and maids, and camels and donkeys.

Gen 24:36 "Now Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master in her old age, and he has given him all that he has.

Gen 24:37 "My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live;

Gen 24:38 but you shall go to my father's house and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son.'

Gen 24:39 "I said to my master, 'Suppose the woman does not follow me.'

Gen 24:40 "He said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send His angel with you to make your journey successful, and you will take a wife for my son from my relatives and from my father's house;

Gen 24:41 then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my relatives; and if they do not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.'

Gen 24:42 "So I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now You will make my journey on which I go successful;

Gen 24:43 behold, I am standing by the spring, and may it be that the maiden who comes out to draw, and to whom I say, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar";

Gen 24:44 and she will say to me, "You drink, and I will draw for your camels also"; let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

Gen 24:45 "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder, and went down to the spring and drew, and I said to her, 'Please let me drink.'

- *Isaiah 65:24 speaks of this kind of gracious answer to prayer: It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.*

Gen 24:46 "She quickly lowered her jar from her {shoulder,} and said, 'Drink, and I will water your camels also'; so I drank, and she watered the camels also.

Gen 24:47 "Then I asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him'; and I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her wrists.

Gen 24:48 "And I bowed low and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had guided me in the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

Gen 24:49 "So now if you are going to deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, let me know, that I may turn to the right hand or the left."

Gen 24:50 Then Laban and Bethuel replied, "The matter comes from the LORD; {so} we cannot speak to you bad or good.

Gen 24:51 "Here is Rebekah before you, take {her} and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken."

Gen 24:52 When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the LORD.

Gen 24:53 The servant brought out articles of silver and articles of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.

- Gen 24:54 Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night. When they arose in the morning, he said, "Send me away to my master."
- Gen 24:55 But her brother and her mother said, "Let the girl stay with us {a few} days, say ten; afterward she may go."  
  - *The world will hinder or cause a delay in your obedience*
- Gen 24:56 He said to them, "Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master."
- Gen 24:57 And they said, "We will call the girl and consult her wishes."
- Gen 24:58 Then they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" And she said, "I will go."  
  - *Will You Go???? The picture of the servant (Holy Spirit) seeking a bride (you and me) to follow and be married to the son (Jesus) So, the question comes to you, "Will you go?"*
  - *The son (Jesus) is unseen, unknown if things heard or rumored are true, yet the question is asked at this point, not after all the details are known.*
- Gen 24:59 Thus they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse with Abraham's servant and his men.
- Gen 24:60 They blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, Become thousands of ten thousands, And may your descendants possess The gate of those who hate them."
- Gen 24:61 Then Rebekah arose with her maids, and they mounted the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and departed.
- Gen 24:62 **4) At The Son's Field** vs 62-67  
 Now Isaac had come from going to Beer-lahai-roi; for he was living in the Negev.
- Gen 24:63 Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward evening; and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, camels were coming.  
  - *Isaac was a man of prayer*
- Gen 24:64 Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from the camel.
- Gen 24:65 She said to the servant, "Who is that man walking in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "He is my master." Then she took her veil and covered herself.
- Gen 24:66 The servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.
- Gen 24:67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and he took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her; thus Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.  
  - *Isaac was 40 years old Ch 25:20*

i. In all this, we see the coming together of Isaac and Rebekah as a remarkable picture of the coming together of Jesus and the church.

- A father desires a bride for his son
- A son was just accounted as "dead" and "raised from the dead" A nameless servant is sent forth to get a bride for the son
- The servant's name is actually *Eliezer*, meaning "God of help" or "helper"

- The lovely bride is divinely met, chosen, and called, and then lavished with gifts
- She is entrusted to the care of the servant until she meets her bridegroom

ii. The way Isaac and Rebekah came to each other is also instructive. Neither were “dating” or any such thing. They were serving God and seeking Him (Isaac did **meditate in the field**), and God brought them together. They obviously were more concerned with the will of God than with modern notions of romantic love.

#### 4. Summarizing the pictures of Isaac, Rebekah, Jesus, and the Church.

##### a. *Both Rebekah and the church:*

- Chosen for marriage before they knew it (Ephesians 1:3-4).
- Necessary for the accomplishment of God’s eternal purpose (Ephesians 3:10-11).
- Destined to share in the glory of the son (John 17:22-23).
- Learn of the son through his representative.
- Must leave all with joy to be with the son.
- Are loved and cared for by the son.

##### b. *Both Isaac and Jesus:*

- Were promised before their coming.
- Finally appeared at the appointed time.
- Were conceived and born miraculously.
- Given a special name before birth.
- Offered up in sacrifice by the father.
- Brought back from the dead.
- Head of a great company to bless all people.
- Prepared a place for their bride.
- Had a ministry of prayer while the bride comes

##### iii. Another picture could be drawn to us and bond servants to Jesus

The Servant	(Our Example)	11 Character Traits
▪ Proven	(Oldest; Had charge of everything)	
▪ Pledged	(Hand under thigh; Swore by the Lord)	
▪ Purpose	(An Assignment from the Father)	
▪ Parameter	(Had restrictions and other factors to follow from the Lord)	
▪ Provision	(10 camels {equipped to perform the task})	
▪ Prayer	(vs 13 O Lord grant me success)	
▪ Proof	(Received verification from the Lord vs 14)	
▪ Patient	(Allowed not only answer to prayer but another confirmation – Family)	
▪ Praise	(When seeing the Hand of the Lord)	
▪ Persistent	(Didn’t eat until purpose was make clear and did not delay return)	
▪ unPretentious	(At Completion; didn’t demand attention/recognition for Job Well Done)	

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