

Genesis 24

Genesis 24.1-9

V1 – Why had God blessed Abraham? His righteousness

-In many foreign countries (even today) the father chooses a bride for his son

-**Advantages?** Greater wisdom

-**Disadvantages?** Abraham had to get a bride for Isaac

V2 – Oldest servant – probably Eliezer

-Various forms for taking oaths around the world

Remember how the "Dukes of Hazard" would spit into hands and then shake hands

-**Custom here?** Sitting on hands

-**Court today?** Swearing on Bible (sometimes)

V3 – What solemn promise did Abraham make his servant make? No wife from Canaanites for Isaac

-**Why not?** Abraham wanted a righteous woman

-How different this attitude was from Lot who married a worldly woman (and died because of it)

-Application today: going to a Christian college – excellent for finding a husband or wife – or – visiting nearby congregations, going to youth rallies, Christian camps, etc.

-**Is it worth the price to get a Christian wife and husband?** Yes

-**Why?** Read 2 Cor. 6.14-18

V4 – Where was the servant to get the wife for Isaac? From Abraham's relatives

V5 – Question raised by servant? "What if the woman won't come with me back to here? Should I take Isaac there?"

V6 – Abraham's answer? No

V7 – Why not take Isaac back? Palestine was Promised Land

V8 – So if the woman would not return? Servant no longer had to look for a wife for Isaac

-Just don't take Isaac there

V9 – They completed the oath (great trust in this servant)

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V10 – How long was the caravan? 10 camels

-**Why the "good things" in the caravan?** Gifts for the destination - Mesopotamia (Iraq today)

V11 – Why did the servant stop at the well? For water – women would go there (they had to carry the water, do dishes, etc.)

V 12 – **What did the servant do?** Prayed 1st
-Notice the great humility

V 13 – His location (still part of the prayer)? By the spring

V 14 – **What test did the servant want to make?** See vs. 14a – the special sign

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V 15 – **How fast did God answer his prayer?** Still praying
-**Who walked up?** Rebekah
-**Her background?** Granddaughter of Abraham's brother

V 16 – Rebekah was not married (a virgin)
-**What was she doing there?** Getting water

V 17 – She met all physical requirements, but the spiritual requirements still had to be checked on

V 18 – **How did she answer the servant's request?** She got him a drink

V 19 – **Second question?** Water for camels? She answered before he had time to ask it

V 20 – **What does this tell are about Rebekah's character?** Excellent – a very hard worker – concerned about a stranger's camels, kind, etc.

V 21 – **Why was Eliezer gazing in silence?** At how God had worked things out so quickly

V 22 – Eliezer brought out the gold ring and bracelets

V 23 – **Two questions?** Who are you? Room for tonight?

V 24 – **Answer?** Granddaughter of Nahor

V 25 – **Room for tonight?** Yes, plenty

V 26 – **Reaction of servant?** Bowed low and worshipped
-Very interesting – full of awe at how God answers prayer

V 27 – the providence of God – how marvelous

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V 28 – **What did Rebekah do?** Went and told her mother

V 29 – **Who came to meet Eliezer?** Rebekah’s brother Laban

V 30 – Laban got the whole story on the events

V 31 – **How did Laban view the servant?** As sent from the Lord

V 32 – Laban took care of all needs of the servant and the other travelers

V 33 – Laban gave food for camels, water for washing feet, given food to eat
-**Servant’s reply to food?** Can’t eat until he had “spoken his peace” (business first)

V 34 – Interesting – “*Abraham’s servant*”

V 35 – speech of Eliezer – history of Abraham’s family
-great wealth of Abraham

V 36 – Birth of Isaac (in their old age)

V 37 – But no wife for Isaac among Canaanites

V 38 – Rather: Go to relatives

V 39 – “**If woman doesn’t come?**”

V 40 – God’s angel will be with you

V 41 – Free from oath if the woman won’t come

V 42-44 – The test

V 45 – Rebekah came

V 46-49 – **Servant’s conclusion?** What will your answer be?

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V 50 – **Reply of her brother and father?** It is out of our hands (they could see providence of God)
-They left the decision up to Rebekah

V 51 – Rebekah must have decided to go – *vs. 51* was based on her positive response

V 52 – **What did the servant do?** Worshipped God again

V 53 – There were presents given to the family of Rebekah

V 54 – **What did servant say next morning?** It's time to go (surprise)

V 55 – **Reply of her mother?** Let her stay about ten days

V 56 – **Servant's reply?** I can't delay – the Lord is with me

V 57 – **Reply?** It is up to Rebekah

V 58 – **Rebekah?** "I will go"

V 59 – Rebekah and her "nurse" (servant) left with the servant

V 60 – A blessing on Rebekah

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V 61 – Rebekah and her maids left for Canaan

V 62 – Isaac was returning from the Negev

V 63 – Isaac – meditating in the field – saw Rebekah

V 64 – Rebekah saw Isaac – got off of camel

V 65 – **Why did she put veil [over face]?** Not married yet

V 66 – Servant reported all these things to Isaac

V 67 – Got married

-How was Isaac comforted? Over death of his mother Sarah

Great lesson from this chapter:

Use great prayer and great caution in selecting a mate

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