

**Genesis 24**  
**God's Faithfulness to His Promise Advances**  
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Tonight, we study the very first meeting of Jacob and Esau's parents, Isaac and Rebekah, and all the God-ordained events that led up to their first meeting and marriage.

Running through the chapter is the foundational theme of God's faithfulness to His promise to bless Abraham and to make him a great nation. And over this foundational theme, like a canopy, is God's providence and His sovereignty.

**I. God's Faithfulness to His Promise Believed (1-10)**

From our last study of Genesis in chapter 23 which detailed Sarah's death and Abraham's purchase of a field in Canaan as her burial place and continuing into our passage tonight, we can see the spotlight of Genesis beginning to shift.

God's promise of blessing went beyond just materially blessing Abraham; God also promised to make Abraham a great nation and this promise can only come to pass if Isaac has children.

Abraham's faith in God's faithfulness to God's promise of making his descendants into a great nation spurring Abraham into action.

*What are the conditions of the oath that Abraham had his servant take in vv. 2-8? What stands out to you in this oath? How is Abraham's faith in God expressed in this oath and his words spoken to his servant?*

**II. God's Providence and Sovereignty Displayed (11-28)**

God safely brought the servant to the city of Nahor and the servant and the whole party rest outside of the city by the well of water.

While there the servant prays for success today in meeting the wife of Isaac and specifies the details of how he would learn whether or not a young woman that he could meet at the well would be Isaac's wife.

In this context, providing water for a stranger was not an out-of-the-ordinary event in a culture in which hospitality towards strangers was given.

*What are characteristics of Abraham's servant shown in vv. 11-28 that are an example for us?*

### **III. God's Providence and Sovereignty Declared (29-49)**

As the servant recounts all of these events note that he is neither deterred in declaring Abraham's trust in God's faithfulness, His providence, and sovereignty in verse 40 nor his own.

### **IV. God's Faithfulness and Sovereignty Confirmed (50-61)**

*How are God's faithfulness and His sovereignty shown in vv. 50-61?*

### **V. God's Faithfulness to His Promise Advances (62-67)**

God advances His fulfillment of His promise to make Abraham a great nation as Isaac and Rebekah meet and become husband and wife.

The last sentence of the last verse is focused on comfort being brought to Isaac after the death of his mother through God's provision of Rebekah as his wife.

Note what (the events) and who God uses to advance His purposes in this narrative.

#### **Application:**

- Our faith should spur us to action. Phil. 2:12-13, Heb. 12:14.
- Single Christians should commit themselves to not being unequally yoked in marriage. 2 Cor. 6:14.
- We should highly value our marriages. Eph. 5:22-33.
- We should praise God. Eph. 1:4-7.